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HOUSES BURNED AND DOZEN HURT BY EXPLOSION

REBELS FORCING CZAR TO BITTER STRUGGLE

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THE WEATHER

Snow.

Rain or snow today, fair and colder tomorrow, is the forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity made by the official observer at Washington. The maximum temperature yesterday was 46 and the minimum 38 degrees. The sun rose cloudy at 7:43 and set cloudy at 4:57 o'clock yesterday. The daily report, as furnished by the local bureau, follows.

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m....	29.98	41	67	W.	Cloudy.
8 p. m....	29.92	46	74	S.W.	Rain.

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 22:

	1905	1904		1905	1904
Maximum	46	47	Mean	42	34
Minimum	38	22	Precipitation ..	.01	T.
Nor. temp. 31 yrs..	36		Nor. precip. 31 yrs..	.09	
Exc. for day.....	6		Dfcy. for day.....	.08	
Dfcy. since Dec. 1..	9		Exc. since Dec. 1....	.42	
Dfcy. since Jan. 1..	283		Dfcy. since Jan. 1..	3.21	

Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion Saturday. Sunday, colder and fair except snow near Lake Erie; winds becoming northwest and fresh.

West Virginia—Rain Saturday. Sunday, colder and fair except snow in extreme east portion.

Observations taken at 8 p. m.:

Dubuque	22	Cloudy	St. Louis	34	Clear
Omaha	34	Clear	Cincinnati ..	42	Rain
Wichita	32	Clear	Parkersburg	46	Cloudy
Oklahoma ..	38	Clear	Chicago	32	Cloudy
Cairo	36	Cloudy	Columbus	44	Rain
Concordia ..	21	Cloudy	Springf'd, Ill	32	Cloudy
Abilene	38	Cloudy	Grand Rapids	32	Cloudy
Amarillo	28	Cloudy	Davenport ..	24	Cloudy
Louisville ..	40	Rain	Des Moines ..	26	Clear
Nashville ..	52	Rain	Indianapolis	32	Snow
Memphis	46	Cloudy	Washington	50	Cloudy
Vicksburg ..	62	Rain	New York....	46	Clear
Duluth	18	Cloudy	Kansas City..	20	Clear
Marquette ..	26	Snow	Springf'd, Mo.	34	Clear
Madison	22	Cloudy	El Paso	36	Snow
Pittsburgh ..	16	Cloudy	Grand Haven.	32	Cloudy
Helena	26	Clear	Chattanooga .	52	Cloudy
St. Paul	20	Cloudy	Little Rock...	50	Cloudy
Huron	22	Cloudy	Ft. Smith ...	42	Clear
Havre	26	Cloudy	Yellowstone ..	6	PtCldy
Baltimore ..	50	Clear	Jacksonville .	64	PtCldy
Buffalo	28	Cloudy	Cleveland	34	Snow
Norfolk	56	Clear	New Orleans .	68	Cloudy
Atlanta	58	PtCldy	Palestine	46	Cloudy
Galveston ..	60	Cloudy	San Antonio..	52	PtCldy
Denver	24	Clear	Shreveport ..	48	Cloudy
Cheyenne ..	14	Clear	Gd. Junction.	26	Clear
Lander	8	Clear	Dodge City...	26	Clear
Santa Fe	18	PtCldy	Rapid City...	30	Clear
Pueblo	28	Clear	North Platte.	26	Clear
Salt Lake ..	22	Clear	Valentine	26	Snow
Modena	22	Clear	Montgomery ..	54	Cloudy
Omaha	34	Clear	*Los Angeles.	46	

*Observation taken at 8 a. m.

MASSACRING TARTARS AT RATE OF 500 A DAY

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Constantinople, says that the Turkish consul at Batoum reports that the Armenians are massacring Tartars at the rate of 500 daily.

SWISSVALE IS THROWN INTO WILD PANIC BY FIRES

Explosions Caused by a New Gas Well Wreck Many Homes.

TEN PERSONS HURT

Helpless Mother and Her Babe Are Rescued Between Two Terrific Explosions.

OTHER BOROUGHS LEND AID

Terrific natural gas explosions, caused by sudden high pressure in the mains of the People's Natural Gas Company, occurred in Swissvale last night, injuring a dozen people and setting many houses on fire. The explosions are supposed to have been due to the additional supply from a new gas well near McKeesport being turned into the mains without the safety valves being regulated.

The explosions, which began about 9:30 o'clock, continued like a cannonade of artillery for nearly half an hour in all parts of the borough, throwing the population into a state of terror.

Two serious blazes, which were extinguished by the volunteer fire forces of four boroughs, followed, accompanied by many other slight fires, which were put out in their incipiency by the occupants of the houses. The names of the known injured are as follows:

Victims of the Explosions.

FRANK PENROD, 1920 Wayne street; badly burned about face and left arm by explosion while directing fire hose from porch of Lang house.

WILLIAM DARBY, Copeland station; burned about face and arms.

CLYDE MORRIS, 1916 Warno street; burned about face and head.

THOMAS O'NEIL, 1920 Monongahela avenue; blown into street from porch of Lang house by explosion; face badly cut and injured about the body.

JOHN DELIN, 1915 Monongahela avenue; burned about face and head.

MRS. LOUISA LEWIS, Wilkinsburg, mother of Mrs. Nellie Lang; face and hair burned.

E. A. STROUD, Hamilton flats, West and Braddock streets; overcome by gas.

A. D. TAGGART, 2014 Monongahela avenue; blown into street from porch of Lang house; burned about face and leg hurt.

JAMES M'ALLISTER, slightly burned about face and arms.

UNKNOWN BOY, blown into street by explosion at Lang house, rendered unconscious, but revived on way to doctor's office.

Mother and Babe in Jeopardy.

The residence of David Lang, a two-story brick building, at the corner of Wayne avenue and Florence street, was badly wrecked and burned by a series of explosions. Mrs. Lang and her baby, born only a few hours before, were alone in the house with her aged mother, who was severely burned by the flames shooting up from the cellar through the radiator to the bedroom in the second story. Mrs. Lang's husband was not at home.

Frank Penrod, who lives in the same street, knowing the helpless condition of the women, rushed into the house and gave the alarm. The second explosion occurred while he was standing in the hallway. He received severe burns and Mrs. Louisa Lewis, the mother of Mrs. Lang, was also badly scorched in the face. Samuel Curry, W. D. Parker, William Pilgrim and Charles Monroe, who are neighbors, carried Mrs. Lang and the baby to the home of Mr. Parker across the street. The mother and infant, born at noon yesterday, were taken away without injury.

Removed Only Just in Time.

Immediately after the women were removed an explosion occurred with a force that blew men standing on the sidewalk in front of the house clear across the street into a vacant lot. Thomas O'Neil of Swissvale and James McGuire of Braddock were hurled fully 75 feet, receiving burns and bruises. McGuire was also badly cut in the face by glass blown from the windows. An unknown boy, aged 10, was thrown to the ground and rendered insensible. He was picked up by a man who was carrying him to a doctor's office in Monongahela avenue when the boy regained consciousness. He was so terrified that he jumped from the man's arms and ran away.

Dulin and Taggart were standing on the porch of the Lang house, and they were shot into the street with the force of a catapult. The first explosion was due to the gas meter in the cellar blowing out. The second and more terrific explosion occurred when the escaping gas ignited with the coal fire in the furnace alongside the meter.

Water Caused More Explosions.

As the gas continued to escape other explosions followed. When the three volunteer fire companies of Swissvale arrived on the spot and poured water on the blaze, the water confined the gas, and more explosions occurred. The fire made its way up into the first story and was kept there.

The explosions did not cease nor was the blaze under control until James McAllister, better known among his friends as "Sport," made his way into the cellar, waist deep in the water and, defying the gas, with a wrench turned off the gas. Trials were made in vain to turn the gas off in the street at the connection with the main.

Simultaneous with the fire at the Lang residence there were over a dozen smaller

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NEW WOMAN NOT APPRECIATED

Mrs. A. Mercer Pell.

The New York society matron who incurred her husband's displeasure by engaging in business, and is now suing him for divorce. Mrs. Pell first ran a dairy farm and later managed a London hotel.

JUDGE EASON PUTS SCREWS DOWN ON TAGGART ATTORNEYS IN COURT

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 22.—The motion for a new trial in the Taggart divorce case was overruled by Judge Eason here this afternoon. Mrs. Taggart's attorneys, who made the motion, took exceptions to the ruling with the announced intention of carrying the case to the circuit court. The court took four hours to give the decision.

He paid particular attention to the affidavits against himself, some of which declared he was prejudiced and biased in giving the decree of divorce to Maj. Taggart. He pronounced these affidavits unfair, unjust and unusual for lawyers to make, and that all other affidavits were a mass of trash.

The attorneys, who swore to the affidavits or prejudice, he said, were clearly in contempt and he imposed a fine of $15 each upon Judge Lyman Critchfield, Capt. James B. Taylor and Judge M. L. Smyser. He suspended collection of the fines until the circuit court could pass upon his decision in the case. The attorneys made a vigorous protest against such a proceeding, and insisted that he place his charges against them in writing.

GIVEN HER DIVORCE, BUT NOT IN WAY SHE PRAYED

Judge Unmercifully Scores Rev. Wannamaker for Cruelty and Neglect of Faithful Wife.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

ELYRIA, O., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Mary Wannamaker was today granted a divorce from her husband, the Rev. Henry S. Wannamaker, deposed pastor of the Second Congregational church, was given alimony and awarded the custody of the children. She will be given a house and lot in Michigan and a half interest in a Wolverine farm. Her husband must pay her $30 a month for five years.

Judge Washburn, in granting the divorce, scored the Rev. Wannamaker unmercifully.

"She has been a faithful wife," he said. "He not only repeatedly told her that she was a millstone around his neck, but compelled her to join him in prayer that she should die.

"When the last child was about to be born she called his attention to the fact that no preparation had been made for a physician or a nurse, and that there was no place at home to be treated.

"Instead of providing for her, he told her that the Lord would provide. A neighbor took care of her and summoned a doctor and a nurse. Her husband called to see her and said that he was satisfied that her time to die had come and that the Lord would take her during her sickness. Can any one imagine more cruel conduct?"

ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD.

Pittsburgher One of Class at Baltimore. Two Others are Made Deacons.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Herman Josephus Kilimeyer of Pittsburgh was among a number who were today ordained for the priesthood by Cardinal Gibbons. In addition, Dionysius Carolus Shields and John P. Shields of Pittsburgh were ordained as deacons.

The Christmas ordination exercises began early in the week at St. Mary's seminary and were concluded this morning with ceremonies at the cathedral. A large number of the newly ordained priests were from other cities.

President Will Enjoy Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt will observe the holidays by making no engagements to receive visitors or callers next week, unless they have the most urgent official business to bring to his attention. It is his expectation to spend hours each day in the open air.

'Change Seats Still Going Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A seat on the stock exchange was sold today for $95,000, a new high record price.

CLAIMS HIS STORY WOULD SET FREE CALEB POWERS

Patient in California Hospital Says He Knows Whole Truth of the Goebel Murder.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Dec. 21.—Charles E. Ehler, now in the county hospital, suffering from a wound said to be self-inflicted, today told Superintendent Buckrens of the hospital, that he had information as to the killing of Gov. William Goebel of Kentucky, which he alleges, would clear Caleb Powers, formerly secretary of state of Kentucky, now under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of Goebel.

A few days ago, Powers wrote from Kentucky to Ehler saying:

"I see by a press dispatch that you may be an important witness in the Goebel murder. For six years I have lain in prison, and three times I have been sentenced to death for a crime of which I am as innocent as the angels around the throne. If you have any information that will throw light on the death of Gov. Goebel, then for God's sake, declare yourself and aid in proving my innocence."

Ehler said that he could give testimony that might save the life of Powers, and he intimated that if Powers' execution were imminent, he would give such testimony. Ehler said that he would not declare himself fully "because it would implicate others."

LOST IN AFRICAN FOREST.

Friends of Chicago University Professor and Explorer Are Alarmed for His Safety.

CHICAGO, ILLS., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Members of the faculty and friends of Prof. Frederick Starr at the University of Chicago are alarmed for his safety and fear he has met with disaster among the savage tribes of Africa, where he went for anthropological research.

No word has been received from him since he left Gibraltar for the heart of the great central African forest, two months ago. It is calculated that by this time he should have penetrated into the interior, a six weeks' canoe journey, which at 40 miles a day, the average rate, would leave him alone with only his Mexican boy for a companion, 1,480 miles from the coast and nearest railroad, and among the savage pygmies, many of whom are cannibals.

GEN. CHAFFEE DECLINES POLICE COMMISSIONERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-Gen. Chaffee today received a letter from Mayor McClellan of New York tendering him an appointment as police commissioner of New York. He returned a courteous declination of the appointment.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE EXTENDING THEIR LINES IN RUSSIA

Insurgents Driving Out Officials and Creating New Government.

MANY ARE KILLED

Program of Universal Suffrage Is Finally Rejected by the Czar.

BETTER CLASSES ARE FLEEING

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]

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MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Bloodshed began last night at the Aquarium gardens, when the strikers held a mass meeting. Before this was concluded the Rostonsky regiment appeared and requested the strikers to surrender their weapons. A fight ensued and many were killed.

Strike leaders this morning, followed by crowds, picketed the principal streets, threatening violence to those opening their shops. Everybody yielded, although police were present.

Another fight took place at midday in front of the governor's palace. There were numerous casualties, though reliable details are unobtainable. Thousands of strikers are still about, singing revolutionary songs, and further troubles are expected. The military is reported as reliable. The governor general has issued a proclamation assuring the inhabitants of special protection. Cavalry detachments are patroling the city.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—At a session of the cabinet, presided over by Emperor Nicholas, it was decided that universal suffrage should not be granted.

Rebellion is Growing.

REVAL, Dec. 22.—The insurrection in the Baltic provinces has now been extended to Esthonia, where, in accordance with resolutions passed at a convention held at Dorpat, in Livonia, the population is driving out the Russian officials and electing new local administrators. The insurgents last night attacked a train bearing a detachment of rural guards near Taps in this province, but they were driven off and the train reached Reval in safety. Immediately after this occurrence the railroad employes and other workmen here voted to join the Pan-Russian strike. Today everything is closed down.

WARSAW, Dec. 22.—A proclamation of the governor general was gazetted here today establishing martial law in all of the 10 governments of Russian Poland and appointing 10 temporary military governors general.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—It was announced tonight that the British government, in response to communications from its consuls at Riga and other Russian ports, has authorized them in case of danger to charter vessels for the removal of British subjects.

Fleeing from Revolutionists.

RIGA, Dec. 22.—Officials, owners of estates, priests, doctors and others of the better class are arriving here under the escort of the garrisons of their respective localities, leaving all the government and private properties in the hands of the revolutionists.

GOLDINGE, Dec. 22.—A committee of the people has compelled the district governor, Baron Ropp, to send the troops away from here. The town is now under the control of the revolutionists.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tageblatt telegraphs as follows under today's date: "Slowly but surely the danger of a great plague epidemic advances. Nothing more can be done to suppress it and already the infection covers an area of 180 by 200 miles. Owing to the lack of doctors it is impossible to isolate the sick."

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—It is difficult to judge whether the general political strike can be ranked as a success or a failure. The authorities are bewildered by the strength of the strikers and the

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Herbert H. D. Peirce.

PEIRCE TO BE FIRST MINISTER TO NORWAY

Third Assistant Secretary of State Is Chosen to Represent Uncle Sam in New Kingdom.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Herbert H. D. Peirce, third assistant secretary of state, has been selected by the President as the first American minister to Norway. Charles Denby, chief clerk of the department, has been determined upon as successor to Mr. Peirce in the state department.

This announcement was made officially at the department today. Official announcement also was made that David Thompson, former minister to Brazil, has been chosen as ambassador to Mexico.

TWO KILLED IN BATTLE ON PASSENGER TRAIN

Prisoner Kills Constable in Attempt to Escape and Is in Turn Killed.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

MOUNT CARMEL, ILL., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed, a third probably fatally injured and every window was shot out of a passenger coach on the Southern railway today, when two men in custody for larceny attempted to escape by killing a constable. Incidentally, 25 passengers in the car were kept busy dodging bullets for several minutes.

When the smoke had cleared away Constable James Kingston and Isaac Marshall, one of the prisoners, were dead and Edward Marshall, the other prisoner, was probably fatally wounded.

The Marshall brothers were arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing chickens, and Constable Kingston started with them for Fairfield. The men in the smoking car were thrown into excitement when one of the brothers drew a revolver and shot Constable Kingston dead. Several men in the car drew revolvers and attacked the prisoners. Many shots were fired. When both the prisoners had fallen the fight ceased.

LOCOMOTIVE'S BOILER HURLED THROUGH AIR

Explosion on Lehigh Valley Road Kills Two Trainmen, Fatally Injures Three.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The boiler of a locomotive drawing a southbound Lehigh Valley freight train exploded at "Swamp Siding," one half mile east of Van Etten, tonight, killing Fireman Frank Morris and Freight Handler Leon Dennison, and fatally injuring Engineer Fred Swartout, Brakeman Henry McMahon and Conductor Martin Gallagher, all of Sayre, Pa.

The boiler was blown from the carriage of the engine and hurled over 100 feet down the track, where it continued to roll, end over end, tearing a deep hole in the Lehigh Valley tracks, crossing over to the Elmira, Cortland & Northern tracks, and then coming to rest across the Lehigh tracks.

Several of the men were thrown into the swamp, where they were found in 15 inches of water. The train was not wrecked, as it was proceeding very slowly.

Chicken Is Strangled by Its Own Leg. Gives U. of P. $25,000 Christmas Gift.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Burnham, Williams & Co. (Baldwin Locomotive works) today gave a Christmas present of $25,000 to the University of Pennsylvania for the new engineering building now being constructed for the university. This is the second contribution of $25,000 the company has given to the university.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A four-legged chicken owned by John Leech of West Washington, became entangled today in some straw and one of its superfluous legs got wrapped around its neck, strangling it to death.

ROOSTER WORTH $2,500? "ASK BUCK," SAYS OWNER

Fancier Takes His Favorite Game Fowl to Jail With Him and Objects to the Low Estimate on Its Value.

The rooster didn't look to be worth more than 57 cents at the current prices for poultry, but when Charles Crawford was brought into the Allegheny county jail with the fowl under his arm he insisted it was valued at fully $2,500.

"Ask Buck Wallace," indignantly declared Mr. Crawford, "if that isn't as good and game a bird as ever was pitted. Think that's a common, barnyard, domesticated bird of commerce? Nit! Ask Buck. Why, that there cock come all the way from California an' he can lick anything in this part of the state. Ask Buck."

Mr. Crawford was committed yesterday by Alderman McGovern for alleged failure to support his family. He was escorted to jail by Constable J. D. Heidler and was handcuffed. He had the $2,500 beauty under his arm, and wanted to take it into his cell. Deputy Warden John McNeil demurred and the demurrer was sustained.

Bird and fancier were separated. The door of the cell clanged, and peace hovered over the jail for a time like the Arizona vulture over the somewhat passe remains of the abandoned mule. Ever and anon, however, there was a discordant note. It was the voice of Crawford as he lifted it up and cried unto the winds of midnight:

"Ask Buck."

MORE CASH FOR HOLDERS OF THE LUCKY PIECES

Sunday's Gazette Will Have Another Big List of Numbers Wanted.

YOURS MAY BE THERE

Lucky Pieces Are Still Being Lost—Rewards Await Their Return.

SEARCH CLOSELY FOR THEM

You'll be helping your luck along if you order The Sunday Gazette now.

Christmas features galore, the latest news from the wide world, big and complete in every department, next Sunday's Gazette will be the greatest Sunday newspaper ever published in Pittsburgh. The announcement of a big new list of "Lucky Pieces" wanted, together with a repetition of all of the cash rewards that have not been claimed up until Saturday night, will make the paper invaluable, for it may bring you word that you have money coming to you.

Your number may be wanted and it would be just like turning down a proffer of cash for you to neglect getting a copy. You just can't afford to miss it, for any money that might come your way now, after your purse has been depleted by Christmas purchases, ought to be particularly welcome.

Lots of people have been lucky. Lots of them have already received cash rewards for the return of their "Lucky Pieces." And you may be the next.

The lucky ones who called yesterday at The Gazette office and received rewards, their numbers having been asked for, were:

A. R. Myers, 71 Maple terrace, Mt. Washington, No. 23,812 ..... $2 00
George Welland, 182 Mayflower street, No. 23,764 ..... 1 00
W. H. Rankin, 309 Orchard street, Knoxville, No. 11,599 ..... 1 00
Miss Margaret Stinson, 31 Ward street, Oakland, No. 13,452 ..... 1 00

The call in Sunday's Gazette will be for another long list of numbers and will bring glad tidings to many holders of the "Coon" medallions.

Everywhere Gazette "Lucky Pieces" are being lost. They are being dropped promiscuously in places where you can't help finding them. But you must take the trouble to look.

As fast as possible, Gazette representatives are covering the wide territory in which the daily and Sunday Gazette circulate. The "losing" of the good luck discs is being done so that everyone has an equal chance of finding one. On the doorsteps, under doormats, on front porches, in letter boxes, in front yards and on window sills they may be found. Or they may be dropped into your pockets as you are walking along the street.

Search your overcoat pockets and in the front pocket of your coat "Have a look" and see. You may happen upon one that has been called for.

Or if the call has not yet been made, it may come any day. So you want to hunt. Then keep your eyes on the lists as they are published in the daily and Sunday Gazette.

No number will be called for that has not been "lost" beforehand. So that wherever and whenever you find one you have a chance of getting some of the fortune The Gazette has started to share among its readers. Only you must watch The Gazette for the list of numbers wanted.

That big list of numbers in Sunday's Gazette may bring you money. The new list will be augmented by all of the numbers that have been called but have not yet been redeemed, and the "Lucky Piece" you hold may be among those mentioned. It's up to you to investigate. It isn't every day that you may get cash for the asking.

The Gazette's counting-rooms will be closed all day Christmas, but payment of the rewards for the list published in Sunday's Gazette will start on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The demand for next Sunday's Gazette will be unusually heavy, and if you want to avoid disappointment order your copy now from your carrier or newsdealer.

ORDERS SHERIFF TO SEIZE BEAVER COUNTY OFFICES

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 22.—A mandamus execution was issued today directing Sheriff Martin L. Gibson of Butler county, to seize the offices of the treasurer and county commissioners of Beaver county and collect the receipts until judgments entered against Beaver county for $163,000 by the president and managers of the Ohio River Bridge Company and one by the company for $293,000 are satisfied. If the commissioners of Beaver county do not pay the judgments by funds raised by the bonds now being floated, the offices are to be held by Sheriff Gibson.

CHRISTMAS GREETING WILL GO BY WIRELESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—On Christmas eve, Rear Admiral Manney, chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy, will send from the Washington station a Merry Christmas to every wireless telegraph station under the control of the navy. It is to be also a test of the sending and receiving powers of the various stations.

EX-MAYOR GEYER STANDS IN FAVOR

Federation of Churches Would Indorse Him as a Candidate for Mayor.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TODAY

Although ex-Mayor Charles Geyer of Allegheny practically has the offer of the indorsement of the Allegheny federation of churches in case he desires to run for mayor, he will not accept a nomination. The members of the federation called on Mr. Geyer yesterday, and although they did not offer him the federation's indorsement and, indeed, had no authority to offer it, they conveyed the action of the federation's committee of the night before, which was an indorsement.

The Rev. Drs. H. D. Lindsay and D. A. McClenahan were the federation committee who waited on Mr. Geyer. Dr. McClenahan explained afterward the footing on which he and Dr. Lindsay talked with Mr. Geyer.

"The federation of churches has been assured that an independent party will be formed for the mayoralty election," said Dr. McClenahan. "On Thursday night the federation's committee and the citizens committee of 25 met. At that meeting we agreed that if the independents nominated Mr. Geyer for mayor the federation would indorse him. This means, of course, that the committee would favor the indorsement of any other candidate like Mr. Geyer whom the independents might name.

"Dr. Lindsay and I called on Mr. Geyer and told him how the federation stands. We said the federation wants a clean, honest, anti-graft city administration; that the federation believes the disorderly houses and the speakeasies can be and should be wiped out entirely. Mr. Geyer agreed with the principles of the federation and said he also thought the disorderly houses and the speakeasies could be absolutely wiped out."

Dr. McClenahan would not say whether Mayor Geyer had said he would accept a nomination for mayor. From other sources it was learned, however, that Mayor Geyer had said he did not want to run for mayor. Companies he is interested in have several contracts with the city and he is believed to be ineligible under the city charter.

The advisory committee of the Independents, composed of the Orphans, Lincoln party men and independent Democrats, organized last night. W. C. Reitz was elected chairman of the committee and W. S. Wakefield secretary. Mr. Reitz said after the meeting that while the situation was discussed and the chances of possible nominees for the mayoralty considered, nothing definite was done. The committee adjourned to meet subject to the call of the chair.

Mr. Reitz was asked whether he would call the committee before next Wednesday, and he said he thought not. He was reminded that the Democratic convention will meet on Wednesday night and may nominate George W. Guthrie for mayor, but he said there was no significance attached to the fact that he might not call the committee until after Wednesday.

The Democratic primaries will be held from 5 p. m. until 7 p. m. today. The convention will meet next Wednesday, although William J. Brennen said last night that the hall has not yet been selected. It is probable, however, that the convention will meet in Old City hall. Brennen was asked who the nominee would be.

"I don't pretend to forecast the action of a Democratic city convention," said Mr. Brennen, "but it looks to me as if George W. Guthrie would be nominated."

Eight of the 12 members of the Republican ward committee of the Seventh ward last night indorsed the candidacy of William A. Magee for the Republican nomination for mayor, as did the Italian American club of Allegheny county. An organization of Pittsburgh Italian Republicans. The Roosevelt Republican club of the Thirty-eighth ward also indorsed Magee.

MOTHER CHARGED WITH KILLING HER INFANT

County Detectives Find Mary Dodman's Baby Buried in Cellar at Springdale.

Mary Dodman, a Hungarian of Springdale, was committed to jail yesterday by Coroner Armstrong to await the result of the inquest in the death of her infant, whose body was dug up in the cellar of the woman's home by County Detectives Reed and Sonnefeld. A postmortem will be held to determine the exact cause of death, as the county detectives say the child was strangled.

When the prisoner was being brought to the city she asked Detective Sonnefeld as the train passed the Workhouse at Clarenont, how much time she would get for disposing of the infant. The woman said she had four children in the old country, and when the last child was born her husband disappeared.

Annie Nowinsky, aged 61, of 65 Bakewell street, Allegheny, was burned to death yesterday afternoon. The woman lived with her daughter, Mrs. Mary McMullen, who had gone to the store, leaving her mother and her 4-year-old son at home. The boy was playing in the yard and when he entered the kitchen he found his grandmother in flames. The boy summoned the neighbors and when they entered the house they found the woman was dead. It is thought her clothing caught fire while working about the stove.

Luigi Massacci, aged 21, an Italian, was killed in the Rook yards of the Wabash railroad yesterday afternoon by being crushed between a train and the railroad bank when trying to board a work train. He lived in the West End.

Patrick Quinn, aged 35, a West Penn railroad switchman, was killed by a train at Natrona last night. He lived at 221 Vocgntly street, Allegheny.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived, December 22

Liverpool—Sylvania, Boston via Queenstown.
Copenhagen—Hellig Olav, New York via Christiansand.
Glasgow—Montevideon, Portland.
Barbados—Tagus, Southampton for Kingston, etc., and New York.
Moville—Furnessia, New York for Glasgow and proceeded.

Sailed, December 22.

Liverpool—Sicilian, Halifax and St. John, N. B.

Passed, December 22.

Nantucket Light—La Lorraine, Havre for New York.
Kinsale—Devonian, Boston for Liverpool.
Malinhead—Furnessia, New York for Glasgow.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

BELASCO—William H. Thompson in "The Bishop," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
NIXON—"Wizard of Oz," 2 and 8 p. m.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Continuous vaudeville bill of 15 acts, 1:30 to 10:45 p. m.
ALVIN—Kolb and Dill in "I. O. U.," 2 and 8 p. m.
GAYETY—Scribner's Gay Morning Glories in vaudeville and burlesque, 2 and 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"A Race for Life," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
EMPIRE—"A Hot Old Time," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
WILLIAMS' ACADEMY—Williams' Ideal Extravaganza Company, 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Ice skating sessions, with music, afternoon and evening.
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Tenth annual international exhibition, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.; exhibition closes New Year's day, January 1, at 10 p. m.
PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Pittsburgh orchestra, Emil Paur, conductor; Concertmaster Luigi von Kunits, solo violinist, 8:15 p. m.
PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Last free organ recital by E. J. Napier, on invitation from the board of trustees of the Carnegie Institute, 8 p. m.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL IN OHIO WINS FIGHT OVER $2,000,000 ESTATE

Judge Unable to Decide Whether W. C. Andrews or Wife Died First and Bequest in His Will Is Upheld.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Justice Dowling in the supreme court today handed down a decision upholding the will of Wallace C. Andrews, who, with his wife, was burned to death at his home in East Sixty-seventh street, this city, April 7, 1899, and left an estate valued at $2,000,000.

Under the decision the estate goes to the Andrews institute for Girls, founded by Mr. Andrews in Lake county, Ohio, near Cleveland.

The questions raised were whether Mrs. Andrews survived her husband and whether, in such event, the provisions of the will, giving the estate to the Andrews institute upon the death of the wife, did not come within the limitations of the law of 1860, which invalidates a will where the testator leaves a wife or children and bequeaths more than one-half his estate to charity. The validity of the incorporation of the Andrews institute also was attacked.

Justice Dowling says it is impossible for him from the evidence adduced to decide whether Mr. Andrews or Mrs. Andrews died first.

The fight over the estate was a four-cornered one, the executor, the Andrews institute, the Smithsonian institution at Washington and the relatives of the deceased being separate parties to the suit. The Andrews will had a provision that if the bequest to the Andrews institution should be for any reason illegal or impossible, the estate should go to the Smithsonian institution.

ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL SERIAL FOR READERS OF THE GAZETTE

The last installment of "The Phantom Torpedo Boat" will be printed in The Sunday Gazette tomorrow. On Monday the first installment of "The Bath Comedy," by Agnes and Egerton Castle, will be printed. This is one of the cleverest stories of recent years, and should be read by all.

The scene of the story is the fashionable resort of the Spa of Bath, and the time, the second half of the eighteenth century. Mistress Kitty Bellairs, the reigning belle and the prettiest woman in Bath, finds her friend, Lady Standish, the newly wedded wife of Sir Jasper, in tears, because of her husband's indifference and neglect. "Make him jealous," says the vivacious Kitty, and Lady Standish does so with some exciting and unexpected results. These are told by the authors in a style so witty and polished that they recall to the mind of the reader the greatest masterpiece in this field.

The tale is bright, graceful and lively, and there is little description in the text, most of which is action and dialogue, making however, a perfect picture of the fashionable life of Bath in its joyous days. Look for the first installment Monday.

ENTERTAINMENTS MARK CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

Holiday Programs Are Carried Out and Pupils Receive Presents and Much Candy.

Entertainments marking the close of class sessions were held yesterday in many of the public schools. Large crowds of visitors attended wherever this ancient tradition was commemorated and exercises appropriate to the season were carried out.

Parents day was observed at the Bellefield, Holmes, Soho and Sylvan avenue schools, and 1,500 visitors proved their interest in the work of the children by making an inspection of the specimens displayed for the occasion. Music and physical culture exercises were features. Each visitor was presented with a Christmas souvenir. At the Sylvan school, where there are but 40 pupils, James J. Booth provided a lunch and Mrs. A. P. Moore presented each girl with a doll and a set of dishes. Each boy got a pair of skates, a sled or a drum. Everyone got a box of candy.

All the rooms in the Hancock school were decorated with greens and equipped with a Christmas tree, and during the afternoon studies were suspended. The annual jollification was indulged in and every pupil left the building with a box of candy, as is the custom at that school.

The board of trustees for the fund for the relief of the destitute sick and poor of Allegheny county met yesterday afternoon in the Union National bank and distributed the sum of $2,089.59 among the following institutions: Mercy, St. Francis, West Penn, Allegheny General and Homeopathic hospitals, each $300; Children's hospital and the Free Dispensary, $140 each; Presbyterian hospital, Allegheny, $120; Pittsburgh Association for the Improvement of the Poor, $269.59. This fund is the balance of the money contributed by Pittsburgh at the time of the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago, part of the money being returned. The members of the board are John B. Jackson, president; William R. Thompson, secretary and treasurer; George W. Guthrie, Albert J. Barr, Robert Wardrop, Reuben Miller and J. D. Lyon.

REVOLUTION IS GROWING

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strike has reached formidable proportions in St. Petersburg, where, even according to the officials, over a third of the workmen obeyed the order of the Workmen's council. The strike leaders are confidently asserting that the others will be brought into line immediately. The government, however, has succeeded in keeping railroad traffic out of St. Petersburg moving with reasonable regularity.

The scanty dispatches received from the interior do not indicate whether the order to strike is meeting with a general response, which will be necessary to prevent it flashing in the pan like the November strike.

The government, while entering on a vigorous offensive campaign against the revolutionary leaders and making arrests by the wholesale, maintains an air of calm confidence. It has issued a reassuring communication declaring that all necessary measures have been taken to prevent disorders.

The proletariat organizations are marshaling all their forces. The prevailing impression is that with the limited funds at the disposal of the unions the strike must spread rapidly and enter a new and more violent phase or the game will be lost by the revolutionaries. "General December" and "General Hunger" are powerful allies on the side of the emperor at the present time, just as they were in the fight against Napoleon, and it is thought that the leaders will not be able to hold their men in line unless an immediate victory is scored or a conflict forced and blood shed.

DEMAND BIG INDEMNITY.

Russian Government Asks $50,000 Damages from Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

WEST NEWTON, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—It is said the Russian government demands from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad an indemnity of $50,000 for the death of Leon Marlitz, a Russian, who was killed by a train here on March 5. Chief Claim Agent S. C. Succob of the railroad was here today securing evidence in the case.

Marlitz had been living in McKeesport and was believed to have become demented through homesickness. His friends bought him a ticket for Russia, but he alighted here from the first section of train No. 10. He was walking up the tracks when run down. Several railroad men here have been summoned to New York, where a trial will be held before the railroad and Russian government officials.

Attorney General of Panama Dies.

PANAMA, Dec. 22.—The attorney general, Gabriel Guisado Costa, died last night.

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ITALIAN BANKER IS STRANGELY MISSING

Local Countrymen Claim He Has Their Money and Excitement Prevails in Colony.

The city detectives are looking for Carroll Gigliotti, an Italian newspaper editor and proprietor of the Banka Italiana, at 535 Grant street, who disappeared from this city on December 9. Local Italians are in turmoil over his disappearance, as they say Gigliotti has $8,000 of their money.

When it became known that Gigliotti had left the city Superintendent of Detectives McQuaide detailed Detective Rice to investigate. Rice took charge of the office, turning the keys over to Superintendent McQuaide. Some of the Italians, it is claimed, gave Gigliotti money to send to Italy.

Gigliotti conducted an agency and received money from his countrymen which he was supposed to send to the Royal Bank of Italy. He also was agent for several steamship lines. When the news of his disappearance reached the officers of the Hamburg American Steamship line, W. J. Morgan of New York was sent here to make an investigation. Cyrus Perillo, agent of the Navigazione Generale of the Italian Royal mail line, also came here in the interest of his company. Gigliotti had about $1,000 worth of tickets of each company.

Thursday the agents demanded these tickets, but were refused. Superintendent Kennelly claiming they should apply to the courts. Yesterday Morgan and Perillo filed a suit of replevin against Director Moore, Superintendent Kennelly and Gigliotti. Gigliotti lived at 502 Fifth avenue, McKeesport, where he also conducted a newspaper. He is said to have property there valued at $5,000. His wife and daughters were at McKeesport Tuesday, but now they have also disappeared.

One Italian says he gave Gigliotti $900 last June to send to Italy, but as yet he has received no information that it reached its destination. Another Italian has a claim of $1,360 against Gigliotti, and there are over a dozen claims of from $100 to $200 each against the missing man. Gigliotti was not bonded or under the jurisdiction of the state or national banking laws.

RIDGE NOT ARRESTED BUT THE OTHER MAN WAS

Pittsburgh Contractor Reported on the Wrong Side of Assault and Battery Case.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—Patrick Ridge, a member of the contracting firm of Keeling & Ridge, was not arrested on an assault and battery charge and bound over to the grand jury as stated yesterday. On the other hand Mr. Ridge was the complainant and John Dougherty, sub-contractor, was bound over on the charge of assault and battery, later being released on $200 bond.

Keeling & Ridge, Pittsburgh men, have the contract for the laying of the new water mains and sub-let part of the work to Dougherty. Mr. Ridge refused to honor the latter's bill until the city council approved the work, and claims that during an argument Dougherty kicked him in the side. Ridge swore out a warrant. When Ridge's attention was called to the transposition he said:

"When I read it I knew it was a mistake, but felt that those who know me, knew I would not be the aggressor in a case of that kind. However, I would appreciate it to have you make a correction for the benefit of those who don't know me."

NAMED BY CITY PARTY.

Candidates Are Chosen to Fill Legislative Vacancies in Philadelphia Districts.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The City party tonight held one senatorial and four legislative conventions and nominated candidates to fill vacancies for the coming special session of the general assembly.

The candidates chosen are: Vivian Frank Gable for state senator, Eighth district; George Beedy, representative, First district; John H. Fox, representative, Seventeenth district; Howard H. Sheppard, representative, Nineteenth district; Hugh A. Hill, representative, Twenty-second district.

Immediately after the City party conventions the Democrats in the districts in question held conventions and indorsed all the City party candidates excepting John H. Fow. Mr. Fow is the only Democrat on the list of City party nominees. The Democratic convention nominated James S. Mullin over Fow.

AGREE ON CHURCH UNION.

Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists Form New Church of Canada.

TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 22.—The central committee, composed of representatives from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches throughout the Dominion, have agreed upon a code of doctrines that will unify the three denominations into one great church, which it is proposed should be known as the "United Church of Canada."

The revised confession of faith of the American Presbyterian church will be used. The new church is to be governed by the general conference, after the Methodist form, with a president as the chief officer. Below is to be a council, after the Congregational idea, with a chairman at the head. The next body is to be presbytery, governed by a moderator.

BELMONT TO UNITE MANHATTAN LINES

Purchase Control of Metropolitan Street Railway on Terms Not Yet Made Public.

STOCKS ADVANCE RAPIDLY

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—If the long expected Metropolitan Street Railway-Interborough Rapid Transit deal is not already consummated, it is assuredly nearer at hand than ever before. Although official announcement of details is still lacking, Wall street today assumed that the sale of a majority of Metropolitan stock to the subway company has been arranged.

According to the best advices, the "deal" was purely personal upon the part of Thomas F. Ryan, who, having control of the Metropolitan property, negotiated its sale to August Belmont. The deal is regarded as a forerunner of the consolidation of all the surface, subway and elevated lines in Manhattan.

The sale of the Metropolitan to the Interborough is regarded as marking the failure of the Metropolitan financial scheme, through the operation of the Metropolitan Securities Company. The property itself was not able to earn its own dividend, and the Securities company, which undertook the work of guaranteeing this payment and developing the surface lines, found itself facing a serious problem.

Positive statements were made today that Mr. Belmont had acquired from Mr. Ryan a controlling interest in the Metropolitan Securities Company, the holding company of all the surface transportation lines in Manhattan and the Bronx. The stock market plainly told the story of merger in the rapid and sensational rise of Metropolitan Securities stock, Metropolitan Street Railway stock and Interborough Rapid Transit shares.

At the close of business Wall street was still in the dark as to the terms of the transfer. Inquirers in the office of August Belmont & Co. were told there was a basis of truth in the stories.

Recent reports of earnings of the New York City Railway Company, which is the operating company of the securities company, have shown steady decreases. For 18 months these reports, filed quarterly in Albany, have shown serious inroads upon the dividend paying capacity of the Metropolitan Street railway. The last balance sheet published a deficiency of $5,000,000.

These considerations probably induced Mr. Ryan to change his mind regarding the question of consolidation. As a further incentive to rid himself of an unprofitable property came Mr. Harriman's public announcement that he would attack him in every vulnerable quarter.

PANAMA COMMISSION HAS MONEY TO SPARE

Will Immediately Pay Out a Large Amount of Funds Owed for Material.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The isthmian canal commission now has at its disposal the $11,000,000 appropriated by congress, the bill having been signed by the President. Of this amount $4,000,000 is to be immediately paid out, the liabilities to December 10. These liabilities cover material ordered and in transit. Another item estimated at $500,000, also is immediately due for material and services for the Panama Railroad Company.

The payrolls on the isthmus are estimated at $600,000 a month and in the estimate sent to congress the commission figured that $4,875,000 would be required to meet the payrolls on the isthmus from December 1 to June 30, 1906, but with the emergency appropriation cut to $11,000,000 the amount now available, it is expected, will cover these payrolls to April 30 next.

With reference to the item of $2,500,000 estimated as the amount required to pay for equipment purchased or contracted for delivery not later than June 30, it is stated that as payments are made upon delivery the commission will not be called upon to pay this amount in full until further appropriation shall have been made. The commission is now preparing estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, for submission to congress.

STILL UP IN THE AIR.

Nothing Definite Accomplished in Fight Over the New York Speakership.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two unimportant conferences of members of the New York state assembly to consider the question of the speakership were held here today. The first meeting was called by men whom J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., said were opposed to him, though he and every other Republican assemblyman was invited. Mr. Wadsworth sent out many messages to assemblymen who are supporting him advising them that no good purpose would be served by their attending the meeting. E. A. Merritt, Jr., one of the leading candidates for the speakership, was present, as were also several former candidates who dropped out of the contest when Gov. Higgins declared in favor of Wadsworth. The conference adjourned without having taken any action whatever, except to discuss the situation. Both candidates say the prospects of harmony were increased by the conference.

SHEPARD TO FACE FUGE.

Man Implicated by Confession in Election Frauds Will Confront Accuser.

"Jack" Shepard will confront John Fuge, the repeater, who was sentenced to serve one year in the workhouse, in court, to prove he is not the man Fuge implicated in the election frauds. The county authorities did not make any arrests on Fuge's statement, asserting it is the duty of the police to make the arrests, but in case the police fail to do so, they will then take action.

Inspector Milton E. Bailey, who was accused by Fuge of neglecting his duty, became angry about the matter and threatened violence to the newspaper men who made the affair public. Inspector Bailey was called into the office of Supt. Kennelly yesterday, but refused to make any statement to the superintendent, and stalked out of the office before his superior could recover from the explosion. No charges have yet been preferred against Bailey.

To Banquet Justic-Elect Head.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 22.—The Westmoreland County Bar association will give Superior Court Justice-elect John B. Head a farewell banquet Wednesday, January 3. Covers will be laid for 200. All of the supreme court and superior court justices have been invited.

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SWISSVALE IN A PANIC

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fires in Swissvale and Hawkins, which is a part of the borough, and the residents of the two places were panic-stricken, so general was the alarm caused by the heavy gas pressure and the bursting pipes.

Help from Other Boroughs.

The three companies of the Swissvale volunteer fire department, the North Braddock department and the Wilkinsburg department, all assisted in the work and rendered speedy assistance.

At Hawkins station the worst fire was at the house in Short street, owned by Valley Vay of that place, and occupied by H. H. Stewart. When the heavy pressure of gas came on the gas pipe in the cellar burst and the rush of gas ignited from the furnace. The lower part of the house was badly damaged by the explosion and by the fire that followed, but the Stewart family managed to escape without injury. The damage to the house and the household goods of the Stewart family is placed at $5,500, with partial insurance.

The 18 families occupying the three-story double apartment house known as the Hamilton flats, West and Braddock streets, Swissvale, were forced to leave their rooms, when the explosion occurred in the cellar of flat No. 1, occupied by E. A. Stroud and family.

The explosion was heard throughout the entire building and frightened the tenants so badly that they began to leave the building, taking with them all of their portable belongings. Mr. Stroud, who was at home at the time, managed to make his way to the cellar. At the risk of his life, he ventured in. He was unable to proceed far, however, the gas driving him back, and he fell unconscious to the floor after staggering up the stairs. The gas ignited from a burning jet. The fire department was summoned, company No. 1 responding, and extinguished the flames before much damage was done.

At the house of David Moore in Center avenue, Swissvale, when the heavy pressure came on it was so strong that the lids of the stove in the kitchen were blown off and the flames shot up almost to the ceiling. Mr. Moore had presence of mind enough to rush to the cellar and shut off the gas before the building ignited.

The Pennsylvania railroad station was also set afire by the escaping gas, which ignited from a jet in the cellar, but employes soon got it under control and turned off the gas.

Blew Out the Gas Meter.

At the residence of Dr. O. T. Cruikshank, Woodstock and Ardmore streets, the heavy pressure blew out the gas meter. The flow was stopped within a short time. The damage in this case was slight.

The side porch of the Lang home in Florence avenue was blown away, the walls bulged out about a foot and the first floor was lifted up. Every window on the first floor was blown out. Mr. Lang's household goods were not insured and he estimates his loss at about $1,200. The house is owned by James Dennison and the damage to it will amount to about $2,000.

Fire companies from Wilkinsburg, Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin went to the assistance of the Swissvale volunteers and did excellent service. At the head of the Swissvale department was Dr. H. H. Fisher, a prominent physician of the borough.

The blame for the accident is laid on the gas company. It is claimed the company was notified two hours previously that the pressure was tremendously strong and failed to heed the warning. The gas regulator which governs the supply in the mains is said to be located at Wilkinsburg, and it was at that point the gas officials are said to have blundered by not changing the regulator to conform with the increased pressure.

This increased pressure was said to be caused by a new well in the company's field near McKeesport being turned into the mains yesterday. The manager of the gas company went from Pittsburgh to Swissvale after 10 o'clock, but he refused to answer any questions. Almost every gas meter in Swissvale and adjacent to the borough was blown out by the sudden pressure, and in most cases the speedy turning off of the fluid from the main prevented more serious results to property and life. Another theory attributes the cause to the breaking of one main and the turning of the entire pressure into the other.

The population of Swissvale retires early as a rule, and many of them were in their beds when the explosions took place. Jumping out of their beds and not stopping to don their street clothes, many residents ran from their homes, so thorough was their fright.

Justice W. C. Rice was conspicuous in rendering service to the residents along Wayne avenue, where many sought the street.

GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD.

Judge Expresses His Opinion of the Reorganization Plan of the Ubero Company.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 22.—"While I have no right to speak as an expert, I have little doubt that the reorganization is but the throwing of good money after bad," said Judge Lowell of the United States circuit court, in an opinion handed down today in equity proceedings against the Ubero Plantation Company.

Because of an agreement of the stockholders on a reorganization plan, in addition to the fact that no provision was made for winding up the affairs of the company by the receivers, Judge Lowell issued a decree a few days ago, granting the petition of the reorganization committee and dismissing the receivers; but in the opinion today, he expressed his disapproval of the plan of Arthur W. Stedman, who was president of the Ubero company, and Frederick E. Hood, treasurer, by the use of whose names many people were led to invest in the company.

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$425 Knabe Piano	$100
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$425 Chickering Piano	$160
$350 Bach Piano	$190
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"Her Letter," by Bret Harte, illustrated..... $1.60
"House of a Thousand Candles," eight illustrations in color, would make a nice gift.... $1.08
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RUSH OF GIVING SWAMPS TRAFFIC

Postoffice and Express Companies Congested With Flow of Christmas Goods.

SEASON BREAKS ALL RECORDS

It was difficult yesterday to tell the difference between the establishment that Uncle Sam conducts at Fourth avenue and Smithfield street and a department store. Men, women and children swarmed in and out of the postoffice in such numbers that it would have required a big force of expert accountants to enumerate them.

"There never was such a holiday rush in the history of the Pittsburgh postoffice," said Postmaster Holliday. "We haven't been swamped, but we have come close to it. This afternoon the incoming rush is beginning. The carriers are going to have a session that will make them work hard. Of course, we have extra help. I simply can't tell how many extra employes there are, for we have brought helpers in from everywhere, and have gone to the limit in enlarging the force. The assistant postmaster and the chief clerk of my office are helping out today in the registry department.

"It seems to me that the holiday business is in excess of that of all previous years. I cannot give figures now, but there certainly can be no doubt about it. The prosperity of Pittsburgh is indicated to the extent that no doubt should remain. When I say that the registry business exceeds that of all former years, I do not see how the argument can be controverted.

People Know More Now.

"The people are yearly becoming more familiar with postal regulations. We have had less trouble this year than ever. We have men in the corridors in the uniform of letter carriers to guide all comers and to give all information that may be asked in regard to the sending of gifts by mail.

"The money order department has been kept busy, but it is not so much money that is departing. Pittsburghers are buying their gifts at home and registering them. Of course, a large amount of money is being sent away, as usual, but the larger proportion is in gifts."

And the observations of Postmaster Holliday were amply corroborated by the flood of givers that flowed and ebbed in through the postoffice corridors all day long. Late in the afternoon and throughout the evening, until time to close the windows, there was a jam of eager yet unselfish folk. Of course the American spirit of putting everything off until the last moment was in evidence. It always is.

The postoffice rush will continue indefinitely. The city carriers will be bowed down today by a weight of presents, and Sunday they will have all they can do. On Christmas carriers will make but one delivery, in the morning. There will be nothing doing in the money order division, but the general delivery will conduct business at the same old stand all day.

Father Just Had to Work.

It was worth while to visit the offices of the express companies yesterday afternoon. There was more advice to the sluggard than any anthill could give with a megaphone. It was nothing but work, and if everybody is engaged in industrial pursuits but the paternal ancestor, there must be a tremendous lot of orphans employed by the express companies. Needless it is to say that records were broken. Extra forces of assistants were employed by the Adams, the United States, the American and the Wells-Fargo. No one idled. It was industry where lieutenant generals worked as hard and long as those in the guard house. Never, said every agent, was there such traffic. Deliveries will be made Monday morning and wagons will rush tonight until the horses refuse to haul another load.

There was such a crowd on the streets that for the nonce the condition of Pittsburgh pavements was forgotten. What's the necessity of trying to describe it? We were all of us in it, and all of us are probably "all in" from being in it.

The department stores, and the stores that are merely retail, say they have had holiday trade beyond record, notwithstanding the weather.

PARKERSBURG HELPS CAUSE OF RUSSIANS

Citizens of That Place Contribute $131 Towards The Gazette Fund for Sufferers.

Residents of Parkersburg, W. Va., have taken advantage of the appropriateness of the season by contributing $131 to The Gazette fund for the relief of Russian sufferers. A check for that amount was received yesterday from J. S. Broida of that place, and represents popular subscriptions from his fellow-townsmen. The total of yesterday's contributions to the fund was $159.

Through error, the contribution of Hope lodge, 210, O. B. A., was yesterday announced as $25, instead of $25 50, and the receipts to date should have totaled $8,163 18. Further aid for the afflicted and suffering is reported as being urgent, and all money collected is being cabled to the scenes of distress as fast as received. The realization of the $10,000 mark for The Gazette fund by the first of the year would be a marked tribute to Pittsburgh's generosity and charitable spirit. Contributions received yesterday:

Parkersburg (W. Va.) citizens	$ 131 00
Morris Bunstein, Allegheny	25 00
W. W. Watkins, Millport, O.	1 00
Cash, Ben Avon, Pa.	2 00
Receipts for day	$ 159 00
Previously acknowledged	8,163 18
Total receipts to date	$8,322 18

BUY A WATER LINE.

Fayette County Company Will Use It to Pipe Natural Gas.

The Fayette County Gas Company yesterday closed a deal with the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company for the purchase of the latter company's water line from Connellsville to Uniontown. Water pipes will be used by the gas company in building a double 8-inch line from here to the point where the 12-inch line from the West Virginia field ends in order to provide against breaks in the future. The new line will parallel the present line. The line purchased from the Oliver & Snyder interests was formerly owned by the old Southwest Gas Company.

The break in the company's main line at Masontown was fixed at daybreak yesterday. Patrons of the company in Uniontown, Connellsville, Scottdale, Mt. Pleasant and Youngwood were compelled to eat cold suppers and breakfasts last night and this morning.

Reduced Rates Account Christmas-New Year Holidays.

Pennsylvania railroad will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, from Pittsburgh, East Liberty and Braddock to Connellsville and return, and between Pittsburgh and Brownsville and intermediate stations, and Pittsburgh, East Liberty and Allegheny and Butler, tickets good returning until January 3d.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R. Through Sleeping Cars to Buffalo, Boston, Chicago.

Holiday excursionists will find excellent accommodations to above named cities. Pullman reservations may be had by 'phoning City Ticket Office, 307 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh.

The Song of the Angels.

This will be the topic of Pastor Russell's discourse tomorrow at 3 p. m. at Carnegie hall, Allegheny.

Still complete stocks of gift things await eleventh-hour shoppers at Campbell's, Fifth avenue, and at greatly reduced prices. See ad.

PITTSBURG ORCHESTRA

This afternoon Emil Paur conducts his own concerto for violin and orchestra. Luigi von Kunits is the soloist.

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with an agreement to pay us $6.00 per month, and we'll deliver any new piano you may select from three different makes. And we'll deliver it either today or on Christmas morning, just as you like.

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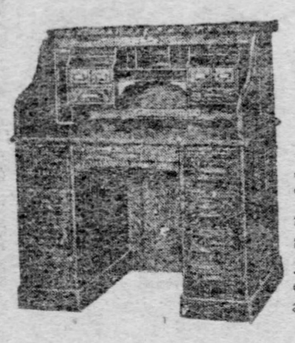

A "Derby" Home Desk

Small 42 in. roll top, quarter-sawed, golden oak Derby desks. These desks have been catalogued and sold all over the United States at $45—never less. We have only 50 of them left and will close out the line at..... $30

Combination Desk and Bookcase

Quarter-sawed, weathered oak, mission type—desk complete in every detail. Bookcase has fixed or adjustable shelves and leaded glass doors. We have these in two sizes, regular values $25 and $30—our prices..... $15.50 and $17.50

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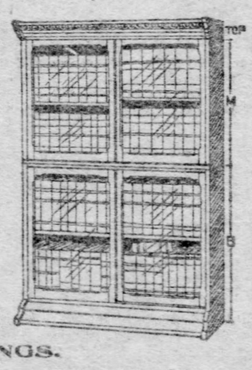

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A Gay Finish to a Gay Christmas Shopping Season.

With tonight one of the happiest Christmas shopping seasons that Pittsburg ever knew will be brought to a close. We have made great preparations for today and this evening. We have undertaken to meet the demands of all late comers, we are in a position to help all those who have put off the matter of choosing gifts to the last moment—so come when you may today, any time between 8 this morning and into the late hours of tonight, we are quite sure we can put you in good standing for Christmas.

This Evening's Famous 50c Dinners.

This evening in our Restaurant, in honor of the closing Christmas shopping season, we are going to ask you to choose from a series of dinners the like of which was never before brought to the notice of anyone for the very small price of half a dollar. Here is the quartette:

50 CENTS
Stewed Terrapin, Philadelphia style, Augustine
Stuffed Green Peppers
Julienne Potatoes
Rolls Butter Coffee
Tutti-Frutti, Ice Cream or Cherry Sondo

50 CENTS
Prime Fried Oysters
Celery
Potatoes Au Gratin
Shrimp Salad
Rolls Butter Coffee
Pie, Pudding or Ice Cream

50 CENTS
Broiled English Grass Plover en Canape
Currant Jelly
Fried Hominy Potatoes Surprise
Rolls Butter Coffee
Creamed Caccaroons or Rhine Wine Jelly

50 CENTS
Roast Young Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Chestnut Filling, Cranberry Sauce
or
Roast Young Suckling Pig Family Style, Apple Sauce
Celery
Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes
Rolls, Butter, Coffee
English Plum Pudding or Chocolate Sondo

You and your friends are invited to dine with us any time between 5 and 8 this evening. You can discuss your dinner to the enlivening strains of a fine orchestra, an orchestra that plays the popular music of the day.

The Lone Star Quartette Will Also Sing This Evening in the Restaurant During the Dining Hours and After That Will Render Choice Vocal Selections from the Mezzanine.

Santa Claus has many engagements with the children today and those he has not met, he will be glad to see any time between 10 o'clock this morning and late tonight, when the store closes.

The items given below are expressly for tonight. Please remember they will not be on sale until 5:30 this evening.

Tonight belated gift seekers can buy in our Book Department hand-painted leather editions of such famous poets as Longfellow, Whittier, Tennyson and others, regular $1.00 books, for 65c each.

Saturday evening shoppers who visit our Shoe Store can buy Women's Felt Juliet Slippers in pink, blue, pearl and champagne, $2.50 grade, for $1.50 a pair.

Women's $1.00 Bath Slippers, in different colors, for 50c pair.

Tonight last-hour shoppers can select any of the following gift articles in our Third Floor, East, for these prices, special to the occasion—

Hand-Painted China Baskets, Hair Receivers, Cracker Jars, Pin Trays, Mayonnaise Dishes, Chocolate Pots, Sugar and Cream Sets, Salad Bowls, Celery Trays, for 25 per cent less regular prices.

Austrian China Jugs, tankard shapes, scenic decorations, at $1.25 from $1.75; at $3.00 from $4.00.

Austrian China Sugar and Cream Sets at 25c from 50c.

Tobacco Jars at 25c from 40c.

Cut Glass Nappies at $1.00 from $2.00.

Tonight in the Men's Store, first floor, East, $7.50 to $12.00 Blanket Robes will be offered for $5.00.

Stop in the Millinery Store this evening, if you would like to buy Artificial Holly, in white or green, for 5c and 10c, instead of 10c to 25c, which are the regular prices.

In the Ribbon section tonight Holly Ribbons will be sold at 5c instead of 10c a yard, at 10c instead of 20c, at 15c instead of 25c, at 25c instead of 40c, at 35c instead of 55c.

If you've neckwear on your list still unbought, get it tonight in our Women's Neckwear Department at 35c instead of 50c and 75c; at 50c instead of 75c and $1.00; at $1.00 instead of $1.50 to $2.00.

Are there some handkerchiefs for women you've forgotten? Get them this evening at 18c from 25c, at 10c from 15c, at 50c from 75c and $1.00, at $1.00 from $1.25 and $1.50.

Some friend whom you have thought to remember, at this the eleventh hour?

At the Notion Counter tonight Buster Brown Collar and Cuff Boxes, made of gray linen with pretty design on cover, 10c each.

Perfumery in baskets, little packages for young people, 10c each.

High-grade extracts in fine boxes, cut glass bottles and china jars, worth $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, tonight $1.00 each.

In the Leather Goods Department, first floor, East, tonight, a lot of leather-covered Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Engagement Tablets, Jewel Boxes, Photo Boxes, Letter Racks, Collar Boxes, Blotting Portfolios, all $1.50 articles, for 75c each.

This evening at rear end of third aisle, imported Glove and Handkerchief Boxes with fancy celluloid tops, 50c ones for 25c each.

In the Silverware Section, tonight, a lot of odd pieces in silver toilet ware that bring regularly $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, will be offered for 75c each.

On special table, East Store, eleventh-hour shoppers can buy imported ornaments such as Paper Weights, Ash Trays, etc., that sell regularly for 35c to 50c each for 25c.

Here's a gift for one you had all but forgotten—in the Jewelry Department, tonight, regular 50c Hat Pins for 25c. They have real gunmetal ball tops.

In the Stationery Store, fifth aisle, this evening, fancy boxes of stationery will be offered at 35c from 75c. The boxes, in handsomely embossed poster designs, contain 48 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes, two sizes.

In Toyland, where Santa Claus disports until late in the evening, the following specials tonight—

A lot of skin animals, they're not alive, for half prices.

A lot of dressed and undressed dolls for half prices.

Fancy Paper Novelties, very decorative, 10c to 35c values for 5c each.

Some little youngster who wants an overcoat for Christmas should ask Santa to bring him one of these. Military Russian Overcoats for young gentlemen of 3 to 8 years, made of all-wool kersey, tan, red and brown, light blue and dark blue, lined with red flannel, trimmed with brass buttons and emblems, $7.50 and $8.00 coats, tonight $4.75.

Gift seekers who have decided on buying a Raincoat for a masculine relative are herein advised that this evening we will sell raincoats for men at very special prices.

Everything ready for Christmas but a dress pattern or waist pattern which you have in mind for a certain person? For just such people as you we have made special prices good for tonight only on the following—

Broadcloth, smooth satin finish, twilled black, in the most desirable colors, including baby blue, pink and cream, for carriage, street and evening gowns, $2.25 value for $1.50 a yard.

Black Broadcloth, sponged and shrunk ready for the needle, soft, permanent finish, $2.50 grade for $1.95 a yard.

Imported Silk and Wool Crepes in new Paris shades, ten yard dress lengths, neatly boxed, sells at 85c a yard, special price tonight for the pattern, $4.50.

Those wishing to present gentlemen who own automobiles with something connected with motoring, will please take notice that automobile apparel will be offered tonight for special prices. This includes Leather Goods, Fur Coats and Fur-Lined Coats.

Tonight there will be a special sale of misses' and girls' Coats, and any mother who has put off buying until the very last moment can come up to the second floor, East, and get as fine values as were ever offered. This is something of an innovation, for as a rule the belated shopper does not meet with such favorable offers.

Misses' three-quarter length coats, in Scotch and English mixtures, also blue and black cheviots, $15.00, $18.00 and $20.00 values for $10.00.

Misses' Coats of blue and black imported cheviots, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years, were $50.00, tonight the price will be $18.00.

Girls' long and ¾ length coats, blue and brown cheviots, formerly $12.00, tonight $7.50.

Girls' short military coats, well lined, embroidered emblems.

Beautiful hosiery for Christmas on sale tonight for these very special prices. Put up in pretty boxes if desired, one, two, three to a dozen pairs to the box.

Women's plated Silk Hose, black, white and colors, 85c and $1.00 pair.

Women's pure Silk Hose, black, white, tan, sky, pink, red, navy and yale, $2.00 pair.

Women's French Silk Hose, in colors, $3.50 pair.

Women's Silk Hose, with lace ankles, black, sky, pink, lavender, white, $3.50 pair.

Women's fine French Silk Hose, with contrasting color embroidery, $5.00 grade for $3.50; $6.00 grade for $4.00; $8.00 grade for $5.00; $10.00 grade for $5.00 a pair.

New and effective designs in Silk Hose, embroidered or lace effects, in self or contrasting colors, $5.00 to $12.00 pair.

Christmas Garters—on sale in the Notion Store, eighth aisle, West Store.

A pretty combination put up especially for the holidays—one pair of round garters, one pair of side strap hose supporters, gold buckles and pins, encased in pretty box, for $1.25.

Hose Supporters with rubber buttons that will not cut the stocking, made of fancy silk elastic, side, front or round style, nicely boxed, 50c pair.

Sew-on, Pin-on or Hook-on Supporters, 25c, 50c, 75c pair.

The Umbrella Store is ready to serve until the store closes—note the special prices:

Suit Case Umbrellas, fold into trunk or dress suit case, fine all-silk ones, for $5.00.

Regular $4.00 and $4.50 values in union taffeta umbrellas for $3.00 and $3.50 respectively.

Regular $7.00 and $7.50 values in all-silk umbrellas, for men and women, all sorts of fancy handles, $5.00 each.

In the Art Needlework Department tonight handsomest of handsome hand-embroidered sofa pillows, worth $8.00, $12.00 and $15.00, will be on sale for $5.00 each. These pillows are beautiful beyond description, with the richest of finishes.

Coat Hangers made of satin and trimmed with ribbon, $1.25 values for 75c.

Hand-made Christmas Bells for decorating the home, trimmed with ribbon, all sizes, singly or in clusters, 25c each to $1.75, formerly 35c to $2.25.

Handsome Kid Gloves for women $1.00 a pair, $11.00 dozen, $5.50 the half dozen. Encased in handsome Christmas boxes. Distributed for sale at various points throughout the store.

In the East Store, immediately at entrance; in the West Store, center table, main aisle, as well as at the regular glove counter

A Note That Will Interest Many.

Many families are enjoying light housekeeping, and no doubt they would enjoy some of the delicacies from our Delicatessen Counter.

This Counter, on the sixth floor, is maintained in their interest. Today anyone can purchase enough edibles to tide them over Christmas. For instance. Fried oysters, deviled crabs, shell oysters, bread and rolls, mince pies, cakes, etc. The charges are quite moderate.

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Anyone unable to purchase a copy of The Pittsburgh Gazette on trains or at news stands will confer a favor by reporting the same to this office.

Saturday, December 23, 1905.

The appointment of Herbert H. D. Peirce, third assistant secretary of state, to be the first American minister to Norway, recognizes the services of a faithful and competent official. By the death of a superior, responsible and delicate duties devolved upon Mr. Peirce, which he discharged with signal ability. His training in the state department should have given him an admirable equipment for his new position.

The establishment of a state board of trade for West Virginia, which had its initiative with the Wheeling board, has resulted in much benefit to that state. The first annual report of the board, issued from the secretary's office at Wheeling, shows the lively interest that is being taken in the development of the state by its own citizens without relying on the help of outside capital. Investors and investments, however, are still welcome, and are informed through the state board of the most profitable opportunities.

President Butler's announcement yesterday that intercollegiate athletics will not be abolished at Columbia without first consulting the wishes of the student body, shows that the faculty is not disposed to be unreasonable in its restrictions. Columbia's policy, it is said, will be to have every student participate in athletics, instead of limiting the games to a few star athletes. This is the true spirit of amateur sport which should prevail at all colleges, and it is gratifying to note that the present tendency seems to be in that direction.

As Mr. Oliver McClintock said yesterday, intending contributors to the fund of $150,000 for the Pennsylvania College for Women should remember that it is strictly for endowment purposes and they will not be called upon to repeat their donations. Only the interest of the fund will be used. Bearing this fact in mind, individual contributions should be as large as possible. The fund is still short $30,000, and this sum must be raised before January 1. Otherwise the doors of the college will be closed. There is to be no appeal to Mr. Carnegie, as has been reported. It is within the power of the community this year to make a noble Christmas gift.

Canada is tightening every line she can with regard to American imports. The latest stringency affects the American hog. It appears that heretofore the hog has been bonded into Canada free of duty for killing in Canadian packing houses. The Dominion minister of agriculture has listened to the protest of Canadian farmers and hog raisers and, as a consequence, no more American pork on the hoof will be admitted into the Dominion except on the payment of a cent and a half per pound duty, live weight. Meantime the American hog will continue to thrive, as usual, until the proper killing time, when he can be butchered in this country with the same expediency for the markets of the world.

No city in the country observes Christmas more enthusiastically than Pittsburgh, or has more ample means, in proportion to its population, with which to do it. The abounding prosperity of the community is evidenced by its gift-purchasing power. Christmas presents are luxuries, not necessities. The people of the great Pittsburgh region are amply provided with the wherewithal to purchase the good things of life, both for themselves and for others. Not only has there been an unprecedented amount of gift-buying for friends, but the numerous charitable institutions of the county have been generously remembered. Christmas this year promises to be a merry one for a larger number of persons than ever before.

While Russia's general political strike has evidently crippled business in St. Petersburg, more than a third of the workmen having obeyed the order of the workmen's council, the strikers have by no means won the victory as yet. The intention was to deal the government a crushing blow, to strike swiftly and heavily, to effect a complete tieup of the railroads and other utilities throughout the empire. This, apparently, has not been done. The government yesterday kept trains moving, under military guard, at reasonable intervals. The strike, to accomplish its purpose, must spread to the interior. Owing to the limited resources of its projectors, there is no time to be lost. Winter weather and lack of food are on the side of the government. The world should soon know the result of this latest battle.

The Change Must Come.

Additional reasons for advancing the date of "moving day" from April 1 to May 1 continue to be presented by those who are giving thought to the question. One renting agent points out that, with the May day moving, the necessity for fixing up stoves and furnaces for heating purposes would be obviated. April is often a cold month in this section. Another provident person has in mind the damage to household goods caused by unpleasant April weather. Even though closed vans are employed, weather conditions affect fine furniture. Among the most enthusiastic advocates of the change are the women, the housekeepers, upon whom devolves so large a portion of the work incidental to moving. They realize, as men may not, how "matter in the wrong place" may be transferred from muddy streets to "a nice, clean house." Probably the attitude of the women is about as good a guarantee as any that the April moving day is to be abandoned. Their argument is a forcible one. If "woman's work is never done," it should at least be lightened in every way possible.

One contributor to the interesting discussion, while favoring the change to May, thinks the date might be extended still further, to September 1, in view of the loss of time to children attending school. Several western cities observe two moving days, in spring and fall. Leases for houses are generally made in April and for apartments in September or October, but moving day is not the fixed institution it is with us. Much good will result from the exchange of opinions on this important matter, and next week's mass meeting will doubtless be representative of the real estate interests of the county. The general discussion that has taken place since the project was first broached is indicative of the growth of public spirit in the community.

Speechless Dinners.

It is too much to hope that the announced decision of Massachusetts' governor-elect to make no more after-dinner speeches will have the happy effect of inducing other public personages to follow his noble, self-denying example. Possibly, however, some of the present perpetrators of banquet oratory can be induced, if not to abandon the practice, at least to adopt some much-needed improvements. Hall Caine, who is wrong 99 times out of 100, but in this instance happened upon the 100th time, on his latest visit to this country criticised American after-dinner speaking. "It's too heavy," he said. "You wade through a dozen courses and then listen to a 60-minute address from some statesman on a weighty public question. That is not the time for consideration of serious subjects. It interferes with digestion, as well as with good fellowship."

Good form prescribes that conversation at dinner should treat of light, amusing topics. The same rule should apply to set speeches after dinner, if we really think we cannot get along without them. The busy age has applied the principle of condensation to almost everything, from sermons to milk, but seems to have overlooked the after-dinner speech. It might be a good scheme to grant the orators the congressional "leave to print" and place a neat little booklet, containing their remarks, beside each plate, with the menu. Then a few really good professional entertainers could occupy the time usually allotted to post-prandial orators. Everybody, including the orators, would have a better time. This is only a suggestion. If the speechless dinner is not practicable, certainly tabloid oratory should be the rule. And it should be enforced by the toastmaster, armed with a trusty stop-watch.

Spain's Trade Revival.

Nations, like sluggish natures, never awaken to their inherent possibilities until adversity overtakes them. This is eminently true of Spain, whose people were too complacent. But since the disastrous war with this country and the loss of her colonies in the Pacific and her West Indian possessions the country seems to have been given a new lease of life. Her merchants and manufacturers have awakened to the necessity of trying to gain a footing in the foreign markets, to which, heretofore, they had been indifferent. It was distinctly a matter of self-preservation, and is, perhaps, the best thing that has ever happened to this former indolent people.

Consul General Ridgely of Barcelona furnishes some interesting facts about the increase in Spain's exports. The pleasing feature of this increased trade of Spain is that a large share of it comes from the United States, which shows the Spaniards bear no special resentments on account of their defeat. The United States certainly retains no other sentiments for a vanquished combatant than those of good will. It was not a war for conquest, but humanity. Spain has many elements of greatness left, and with peace at home and no "entangling alliances" abroad she may, in time, shine as resplendent as of yore. Our trade with Spain is not what it ought to be, but Mr. Ridgely points out that it is mainly the fault of our own merchants and manufacturers, who will not take the trouble to exploit their wares in the proper manner. Spain's trade is worth while, but in these days of aggressive competition it must be fought for.

The Business Situation.

The confidence underlying the general business situation was very severely tested during the past week. Through bad banking methods three large Chicago institutions—a national bank, a savings bank and a trust company—were forced into involuntary liquidation. The liabilities involved exceeded $25,000,000. The financial world was taken by surprise by the announcement. The stock market, which is the most sensitive barometer of public sentiment regarding financial matters, trembled, staggered for a moment, and then resumed its steady tone. The associated banks of Chicago had come to the rescue and assumed the liabilities of the embarrassed institutions. A half hour flurry covered the extent of the influence of the event, so far as the general public was concerned.

If general business conditions had not been sound, however, it would have been impossible to avert serious consequences growing out of this Chicago event. Fortunately, it was made plain at once that the trouble was the outcome of one man's ambition and his dominancy of the institutions involved. There had been no destruction of wealth, and no business operations were compelled to suspend as a consequence of the failures. Nevertheless, the event was a shock, and that it did not prove seriously hurtful is another evidence of the strength of the business situation and the prevalence of a widespread optimism.

It is usual at this season to witness a slowing down of activity in trade circles, but no change is yet observable. It is estimated that the unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation at the present time are the largest on record, and in other lines of business the outlook is equally flattering. The only speck on the horizon appears in the financial quarter. The situation in Russia is pregnant with serious possibilities. This week it was reported that the Russian government had been exporting gold to its European fiscal agents for the purpose of meeting the requirements of January interest on the external debt of the nation. Despite this announcement the market value of Russian bonds declined to the lowest level ever quoted. Commercial affairs within the Russian empire must be in a chaotic state. The ability of the government to collect public revenues must be seriously weakened, and its ability to maintain the exchange value of the paper currency of the government is beginning to be doubted. The growing nervousness manifested in foreign markets, both in London and on the continent, measures the degree of doubt which is entertained as to the outcome of the political and financial situation in Russia. If the worst fears are realized, the United States would feel the effects less than any other nation, but it could not entirely escape.

When Mr. Bryan arrived at Manila yesterday a reporter asked him what he thought of Nebraska going Republican at the last election. It's too bad a private gentleman can't take a little trip around the world without being met with embarrassing questions at every turn.

The London World asserts that if a vote were held now the people of the United States would favor a constitutional monarchy. The editor has probably misinterpreted the popular sentiment that our President is the prince of good fellows.

The obituary of a Chicago manufacturer says that more than any other man in the city "he found work for idle hands to do." It will be remembered the hymnist ascribed the same characteristic to an even more famous personage.

Mr. Carnegie's whisky gift is stirring up the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Yet there has hitherto been no objection to the giving of libraries, and the old writer said: "Reading maketh a full man."

Korean officials who committed suicide recently, and were given the posthumous title of "true patriots," announced their intention in advance. The obituary editor in Korea has his work cut out for him.

A Louisville woman's petition for divorce avers that her husband has the appetite of a St. Bernard and the laziness of a pug. He can hardly be considered a lucky dog.

Russia will hardly have to face the problem of "what shall we do with our ex-czars?" The day Nicholas ceases to reign he will either be deceased or distant.

The Pullman porters' union should remember that the average American citizen is still able, if necessary, to do his own shoe shining and coat brushing.

"Judge" Andrew Hamilton has gone to Bad Nauheim to take the waters, but his former associates are remaining in Bad New York to take their medicine.

The Rev. Anna Shaw says there will be no bachelors 50 years from now. Other authorities think liberty will never entirely perish from the earth.

The election of its cashier as a Sunday school superintendent almost caused a run on a Colorado bank. It was certainly a suspicious circumstance.

Gen. Chaffee refuses to be New York's chief of police. He could keep the Boxers and Filipinos in order, but draws the line at Gothamites.

It is all right to give those West Point cadets cooking lessons if they don't haze newcomers by making them eat the products.

Having finished with Fitzsimmons and O'Brien, the public can again turn its attention to Harriman and Ryan.

The queen of the May will have to arise even earlier than usual if she is to be queen of the moving as well.

Senator La Follette is still regretting the lack of a twin brother to take that other job at home.

The speechless dinner is likely to prove more popular than the dinnerless speech.

On the other hand, even a million-dollar baby is not immune to insomnia.

More Power to Connellsville.

The News defies Uniontown, Greensburg or any town in this section of the state to show as big a Christmas industrial payroll as was published for Connellsville Tuesday. The Yough metropolis leads all its competitors in industry.—Connellsville News.

QUIET OBSERVATIONS ON WAYS OF WORLD

There Isn't Anything New, Not Even Christmas Worries and Troubles.

By ERASMUS WILSON.

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Thomas Tusser.

Thomas Tusser lived from 1515 to 1580. That was a very long time ago, according to our way of thinking, more than three centuries.

And yet more than 15 centuries had lapsed since the first Christmas before Tusser wrote.

The matter of time is always perplexing. You can scarcely comprehend the years since you were born, much less the centuries of years that have passed since the present era began.

And is it not well that it is so? Could we comprehend these long periods we would feel their weight more or less, which would make us feel much older, and we are just as old as we feel.

Our old friend Mr. Tusser was quite a philosopher on the side, it was he who wrote "God sendeth and giveth both mouth and meat."

His pupil, or at least one who took up his line of work, John Taylor, thought to improve the proverb by making it read: "God sends meat, and the devil sends cooks."

It was Tusser's contemporary, John Heywood, who wrote, "Every man for himself, and God for us all."

This was too much for Robert Burton, a young man, in the year 1600, and he proceeded to amend it so as to read, "Every man for himself, his own ends, and the devil for all." He was the author of "Antomy of Melancholy," a good book for pessimists and misanthropes.

Well, the worry is about at an end, at least the first section of it, and no doubt you are fired enough to knock off and take a good rest.

The second section of your worries will comprise your disappointments and surprises, for if you have worried a whole lot trying to please all of your friends you will naturally expect them to try to please you. Should they fail to do so your disappointment will be according to the value of the present you had expected, or thought was due, which didn't materialize.

These disappointments may be compensated for by surprises due to presents received from unexpected sources. You know how much greater is your appreciation of an unexpected favor than of one that you know is coming to you.

After all, is it worth the work, the worry, and the expense? Couldn't you have devoted your time and your money to something that would have yielded fully as much pleasure with much less worry?

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"While I am for giving the children full benefit of Santa Claus fun and amusement, I am heartily against the Christmas craze," writes a practical business man.

"My home has been all torn up for the last month and I have heard little else than Christmas talk. There are three grown up girls, and these have many relatives and friends who are better fixed financially than we are. And then the expense of educating these girls, and two boys, has kept my bank account rather low, there being no one to add to it but myself.

"The demands made on my family—I say demands, for that is what it amounts to—are such at this Christmas time that it will be all that I can do to get through, and if I recover from it during the next three months I will be getting off well.

"My wife hasn't very good health and this strain and worry has just about broken her down, so that with this close of the holidays a trip to some distant winter resort will be necessary.

"While I am not a kicker I want to protest against the growing abuses of Christmas times."

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Dear Quiet Observer:—Every morning on my way to work, when fortunate enough to capture a seat on the crowded car, I enjoy your Quiet Observations.

Today you failed in observing. What is money for if not to spend, or to put into circulation as quickly as possible? As for bread, we "cannot live by bread alone."

If it were not for just such things as Christmas and special sales days, how would these big department stores keep employing the thousands who flock out from their doors after the clock strikes six, or maybe nine at this time. Stand by and watch them—men, women, girls and boys—as they pour out. Tired, but happy because they have earned an honest living. It is a case of spend your money to employ more men in mills and shops; to build more stores, to employ more people, etc. So, like a wheel the money turns around.

The only sinner is the one who saves. The man or woman who works and spends freely always has both work and money. The one who hordes, or puts his thousands into some enterprise run by the fewest possible number of men, is the one who will come under condemnation.

So spend freely and give your friends a jolly Christmas, even if you scringe the remainder of the year. Thus fulfilling the law and gospel, "Take no thought for the morrow, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

You'll be a long time dead, and no worse off next Christmas for your folly today.
THE SOCIALIST.

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Mr. Quiet Observer:—In the wild rush on the streets, the crowding and surging in stores, the jams on street cars, and the worry and turmoil at home, leads us to fear that the people are forgetting the meaning of Christmas. Therefore lest we forget, I beg to remind your readers of the first Christmas gift from God to man.

Gracious God in heavens high
Heard the universal sigh,
Lost soul's despairing cry,
Helpless and doomed to die;
Full of pity like a father
Yearned to comfort like a mother.

Oh, Mighty God, bereft,
By thy unspeakable gift,
To fallen man he gave
Their immortal souls to save,
The Eternal One, God's only Son,
And man's redemption won.

In perfect holiness
Tempted by sore distress,
Hearing the sins of all
Committed since Adam's fall,
He spent his life on earth
Pure and holy from his birth.

Dying a death of shame
In agony of pain,
Burdened with a world of sin
Deserted by God and men,
"It is finished," mankind's redeemed,
God's love and mercy reign supreme.

This great Salvation's free
To all who believes on Me,
This word He sends to us—
In it we put our trust,
Oh, praise His name,
His mercy ever is the same.
—THANKFUL.

Glen Osborne, Pa.

Senate Honors Itself.

The appointment of United States Senator Knox of this state, as a member of the judiciary committee of the senate is eliciting much favorable comment, and some of our contemporaries regard it as an unusual honor for a new member of that body. This view might be justified in the case of the ordinary new member of the senate; but Senator Knox's qualities are well known and the senate honors and strengthens the judiciary committee by making him a member of it.—Scranton Truth.

JEWS CELEBRATING FEAST OF CHANUKAH

Festival Is Held in Remembrance of Victories of Maccabees Over Syrian King.

By FRANK A. PARKER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—In thousands of Jewish homes throughout this city, and in every synagogue and temple, the feast of Chanukah was ushered in at sunset today by the lighting of a special candle or "chanukah light." Chanukah means "dedication," and the feast is celebrated for eight days in remembrance of the victories of the Maccabees over the hosts of the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes. The first thing done by Judas Maccabeus and his patriotic followers after they had defeated the Syrians and re-entered Jerusalem, was the rededication of the temple, which had been defiled and polluted by order of Antiochus. Chanukah is also called "feast of lights," because on the evening before the first day of the feast one light is kindled alike in synagogue and in the home, and every following night the number of lights is increased by one, until on the eighth night every house and synagogue has its eight lights all burning. No manual work, not even sewing, is allowed by Chanukah lights in the house. On the Chanukah evenings, therefore, it has long been the custom to indulge in games and other pastimes, but no game was permitted to be played for money, Chanukah is an occasion for much joyousness and festivities, especially by the younger folk. Celebrations will be held throughout the city by different societies and by the religious schools, and classes of practically all the congregations. During the eight days of the feast, the Hallel, or service of praise, is included in the prayers, and there is also a special prayer inserted.

Early Christmas in the Tombs.

Sixty youths serving sentences in the tombs prison enjoyed a Christmas treat today. The young prisoners attend a school taught by J. C. Graveur, probation officer of the court of special sessions, maintained by wealthy women of the city, who have formed the prison school committee. Shortly after 8 o'clock two big automobiles stopped in front of the Center street entrance to the prison and half a dozen richly gowned women disembarked, while a dozen "trusties" unloaded armfuls of bundles and carried them into the prison. They distributed among the tombs school pupils articles of clothing, boxes of candy, fruit, games, puzzles and other gifts.

"Women's Palace" Is Finished.

In the work involved in carrying out the charitable ideas of Miss Eva Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, something entirely new to New York has been planned and built. It is "The Women's Palace," and it cost $80,000. The women's palace is a new five-story structure at Cherry and Oliver streets, this city. While not entirely finished, it will be opened formally early in January. It is designed to aid the poor women of New York to help themselves, and is to be a working home for them. There will be a laundry, music and lecture room, assembly hall, sewing room, a day nursery, where 100 babies may be left while their mothers are at work, and clean lodgings for girls at 15 cents a night.

Shetland Pony Breaks Up Home.

During an examination held today before Magistrate Wahle, at the Jefferson Market police court, it became known that the reason Dr. D. S. Johnson, a prominent practitioner, and his wife, Margaret Johnson, an actress, had disagreed and separated was because the physician had refused to pay $6 a week for the keep of a shetland pony which had been presented to the young woman by her father. When the young wife admitted that the pony story was true, Magistrate Wahle remarked that Dr. Johnson had married a pretty actress, but not a pony. He adjourned the hearing in the hope that the couple would settle their difference over the pony and between themselves.

Ammon's Christmas in Tombs.

Col. "Bob" Ammon will spend Christmas in the tombs in this city instead of in Sing Sing prison. Today Assistant District Attorney Taylor and Col. Ammon appeared before Judge Howard in the supreme court, and Ammon handed up a brief asking his release from Sing Sing. Mr. Taylor told the court that he had not quite completed his brief, and asked for further time. Ammon said that he had no objection to further time, provided he could remain in the tombs and be given an opportunity to answer the brief of the prosecutor. Despite the objection of the prosecutor Judge Howard granted Ammon's request.

Center of "White Slave" Trade.

That New York city is the center of the "White Slave" market of the world, and that there is a greater traffic in young women in this city at the present time than there ever was during the palmiest days of the Canadian border, was the startling assertion today of Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration. Speaking further, Commissioner Watchorn said: "The only probable remedy for this crime is that the term of imprisonment in New York be increased to what it is in the state of Washington, where it is three years and a fine of $1,000."

Galveston Flood Victim Deported.

When the steamship St. Andrews of the Phoenix line sailed for Antwerp today there was on board Henry Heiper, a deported stowaway, who has a wife and three children in Galveston, Tex., who are almost destitute, and who were anxiously waiting to hear from him that he had received help from his relatives in Europe to relieve their distress. Heiper was one of the prosperous citizens of Galveston, but he lost practically all he possessed by the flood which swept that city. He saved very little of property worth $50,000. Heiper lost his naturalization papers in the flood, and had no evidence that he was a naturalized citizen.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels:

Waldorf-Astoria.
D. H. Cable.

Empire.
D. O. Learned.

Collingwood.
C. M. Buchanan.

Cadillac.
J. J. Munger.

Broadway Central.
P. Loevner.

Continental.
J. Davids.

St. Denis.
A. H. Bryce.

Union Square.
Mr. Nolan.
Mrs. Nolan.

Herald Square.
W. Gelder.
P. Ginsberg.
H. Harris.

Victoria.
Dr. F. A. Rhodes.
Mrs. Rhodes.
J. A. Cartlidge.

Wolcott.
J. M. Taylor.

Breslin.
W. P. Wood.
J. Simpson.
H. F. Baldwin.

Imperial.
W. M. Smith.
W. D. Chester.
M. J. C. Saupp.

Holland.
A. F. Fulton.

York.
C. A. R. Gottsman.

Fifth Avenue.
F. J. Knox.

Hotel Astor.
J. S. Grace.

Grand Union.
J. W. Gillis.

Everett.
J. H. Williams.

Belmont.
R. F. Graham.
Mrs. Graham.

Potato With a Record.

Twenty-two years ago Miss Anna H. Miller of Mill Grove, near West Newton, being about to mend some stockings, looked about for something to serve as a darning ball. Finding nothing better suited to her purpose, she selected a nice round potato. Afterward the potato was put away and forgotten. The other day the potato was found. During its more than two decades of darkness, it had become petrified, and weighed nearly a pound. It is a better darning ball than it was in 1883.—Scottdale Observer.

THE OLD TRUE TALE EVER DISCREDITED

The Agony of the Man Who in All Innocence Gets a Black Eye, and Is Guyed.

Is there any agony equal to that of the sober, God fearing man who has had an eye accidentally blackened, and who is obliged to go to business while the changes are rung in the discoloration—from black to purple, from purple to saffron and from saffron to mud color?

A man of this kind was turning a corner in Park avenue recently when a block of wood driven by a shinny in the hands of a schoolboy struck him beneath the left eye. Within an hour the skin all around the eye was puffed and black.

When the man entered his home his wife did not rush for remedies to relieve him. She just clasped her hands, stared at him and murmured:

"Good Lord!"

He has never been able to understand why he blushed, but he did blush and stammered:

"I—I—was struck by a shinny—a—I—"

"Struck by a—ha, ha, ha!" his wife laughed shrilly. "You don't tell me. Struck by a—ha, ha, ha, ha! Is a shinny ball like the high balls that men talk about? Struck by a—ha, ha, ha!" and she went off into hysterics.

The next day the man went to his office. As he stepped into the elevator the man at the lever grinned cordially and remarked in a consoling tone:

"I had a worse one than that when a fellow punched me in front of Tammany hall on election night."

Kidded by Associates.

When the man entered his office six of his associates were at their desks. He did not wait for them to discover him one by one, but, walking boldly to the middle of the room, he said defiantly: "Good morning. How are you?" Then, to clinch the matter, he added, after the manner of Mr. Toots: "I am well. How are you?"

The six associates looked up at him, looked one another, chuckled fiendishly and made answer as follows:

No. 1—You remember I asked you to join me in boxing lessons, but you would not. Every man should learn how to save his face, even if he does teach in a Sunday school.

No. 2—Never argue with a lamp post, John.

No. 3—It's funny how some men get quarrelsome when they take a drop too much. It always makes me merry.

No. 4—You ought to have countered with your left.

No. 5—Let John alone. He doesn't go in for it often, but when he does, he's a hummer.

No. 6—Well every man has got to let himself loose once in a while. If he didn't something in him would burst.

When luncheon time arrived the man approached the head office boy timidly and said:

"I don't feel like going out just now. I—please go out and get some lunch for me."

The boy nodded confidentially, and said; "All right; I understand," and, when the man's back was turned, gave a brief sparring exhibition, ending with an imitation knockout blow, all of which delighted the pretty typewriter.

At 5 p. m. the man, who had always hitherto carried his head high, slunk out of the office, glancing furtively in all directions. He took a roundabout way to the elevated station and peered at all the persons in the car before he entered it.

The Climax.

When he reached his block it was dark and he drew a long sigh of relief. But he had not yet escaped for the day. At his door he met the janitor, who looked him over magisterially and asked:

"Do you know who was making all that noise in the hall about 3 o'clock this morning? Several tenants have been complaining."

"I don't know anything about it. I was in bed at 10 o'clock," cried the man desperately, as he started for his apartment on the second floor.

Just at the head of the stairs he ran into a pretty young woman who started back, gazed at him and began to shriek. As he entered his flat, he heard her saying to the janitor:

"It was some drunken brawler."

That night the man wrote to his chief saying that he must take a week off even if he should lose his place by doing so. He spent nearly all his waking time during the week before the mirror, watching the rainbow hues chase one another about that eye and wondered why a man with a blackened eye should be tortured with all sorts of cruel jests while he would have the sympathy of his friends if an accident had happened to his ear or his nose or his mouth or any other part of his body.—New York Sun.

Result of Prosperity.

According to the Engineering and Mining Journal, the great wave of industrial prosperity which the United States is now enjoying is particularly conspicuous in mining and other branches having to do with the production of metals. A significant and highly satisfactory feature of this boom is the extraordinary demand for engineering talent. Engineers report themselves rushed to death. "It not only indicates the extent to which investors are entering upon new mining undertakings, but also the increased esteem in which professional services are held."—New York Globe.

Better Buy Now.

The price of steel is going to advance, but those who desire to give a ton of steel rails to a friend for Christmas can get them at the same old price until New Years.—Braddock Herald.

THE FOUR SUNBEAMS.

Four little sunbeams came earthward one day,
Shining and dancing along on their way.
Resolved that their course should be blest.
"Let us try," they all whispered, "some kindness to do,
Not seek our own pleasuring all the day through,
Then meet in the eve in the West."

One sunbeam ran in at a low cottage door,
And played "hide-and-seek" with a child on the floor,
Till baby laughed loud in his glee,
And chased with delight his strange playmate so bright,
The little hands grasping in vain for the light,
That ever before them would flee.

One crept to the couch where an invalid lay,
And brought him a dream of the sweet summer day—
Its bird-song and beauty and bloom;
Till pain was forgotten and weary unrest,
And in fancy he roamed through the scenes he loved best,
Far away from the dim darkened room.

One stole to the heart of a flower that was sad,
And loved and caressed her until she was glad,
And lifted her white face again,
For love brings content to the lowliest lot,
And finds something sweet in the dreariest spot,
And lightens all labor and pain.

And one, where a little blind girl sat alone
Not sharing the mirth of her play-fellows, shone
On hands that were folded and pale,
And kissed the poor eyes that had never known sight,
That never would gaze on the beautiful light,
Till angels had lifted the veil.

At last, when the shadows of evening were falling,
And the sun, their great father, his children were calling,
Four sunbeams sped into the West,
All said: "We have found that in seeking the pleasure
Of others we fill to the full our own measure."
Then softly they sank to their rest.
—Buffalo News.

STORIES FOUND IN THE LOBBIES

Interesting Happenings Concerning the People Who Are Traveling.

W. H. Andrews, territorial delegate from New Mexico to congress, arrived in the city last evening and will probably spend Christmas here. He went to the Hotel Schenley, where he makes his home while in Pittsburgh.

"Have you any news, Mr. Andrews?" was asked.

"No, sir," replied he.

"Is there anything of interest in your visit here?"

"Can't a person come to Pittsburgh without having to make his business public? Can't a fellow come here and attend to his own business?" asked Mr. Andrews, and then he followed with: "Let me ask you a question. Is it any of your business?"

Mr. Andrews made a further interview with him a matter to be evaded.

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State Monument Committee Coming.

The state committee on monuments to be erected at Antietam will meet at the Seventh Avenue hotel today to take action on the erection of a monument to the members of the Eighth regiment, Pennsylvania reserves, who died in the battle. The design for this monument was selected by the survivors of the regiment Thursday night. Brig.-Gen. John A. Wiley of the Second brigade, N. G. P., of Franklin, had expected to go to Harrisburg yesterday for the meeting, but was notified that the committee would meet in Pittsburgh today.

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Hotel Men Dine at the Lorraine.

The December meeting of the Pittsburgh Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' association was held last evening at the Hotel Lorraine in the East End. For the Christmas banquet Manager J. R. Collins of the Lorraine acted as host, and the members of the association testified to the excellency of the dinner. Routine matters were considered. In the absence of President Bonneville, Secretary C. F. Ambrose presided.

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Among the People Traveling.

W. M. McKinnie, proprietor of the Hotel Anderson, accompanied by his family, will leave this morning for Ft. Wayne, Ind., to spend Christmas with Mrs. McKinnie's mother, Mrs. William Fleming.

Commodore Charles L. Seymour of the Atlantic City Yacht club passed through Pittsburgh last night on his way to Michigan for the holidays.

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Ridgway Seeks "Better Weather."

Col. Frank Ridgway, local forecaster of the United States weather bureau, has seemingly become disgusted with the weather Pittsburgh has been having. He is taking a brief trip to Cobourg, Ontario, but people continue to blame him for unpleasant conditions. He expects to return in a week or 10 days to take his place on the roof of the Farmers Bank building to watch the big ball drop at high noon.

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Academy Boys Enjoy Banquet.

Members of the Shadyside Academy football team and their friends, to the number of 54, enjoyed a banquet at the Fort Pitt hotel last evening.

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Arrivals at the Hotels.

Antler—J. W. Crawford, Williamsport; P. J. Brennan, Salem; R. S. Ward, Tarentum; H. A. Rose, Johnstown; J. F. Eckbert and N. K. Moody, Sistersville; W. R. Powers, Greensburg.

Fort Pitt—Charles B. Gilbert, Wheeling; R. R. Shimplin, New Castle; W. F. Patterson, Waynesburg; R. L. Friend, Believernon; H. A. McNichol, East Liverpool.

Lincoln—R. W. Mitchell, Parkersburg; W. W. Wood and Frank Kelly, Cleveland.

Griswold—George Schutt, Altoona; Alexander Wishart, Washington; R. C. Wallman, Morgantown; J. R. Thurgood, New Haven.

Henry—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price, New Castle; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stauffer, Mineral Ridge, O.; A. R. Dallam, Berlin; E. L. Denny, Waynesburg; F. L. Lowe, Fairmont; G. H. Hornickel, Massillon, O.

Boyer—T. B. Brafford, Clarion; J. A. Peabody, Rices Landing; H. L. O'Neil, Johnstown; A. B. Leadsmore, Latrobe; A. A. McClure, Uniontown.

Colonial—William Watson, Beaver Falls; F. W. Kurley, Elkins; J. P. Caldwell, Leechburg; William Johnson, Ellwood; J. G. Clarkson, Charleroi.

Monongahela—B. F. Horner, Clarksburg; B. Frank Horner, Monessen; R. P. Magee, Connellsville; R. W. Mosser, Charleston; G. W. Carter, Geneva.

Newell—F. A. Darwith, Parkersburg; J. L. Caruthers, Irwin; G. C. Rhoades, Wheeling; G. G. Cockburn and G. D. Bollard, Cleveland.

Seventh Avenue—L. M. Dornan, Burgettstown; D. W. McKelvey and E. C. Sanford, Altoona; W. F. Trimble, Johnstown; R. H. Clark, Beech Creek.

Anderson—J. H. Snowden, Brownsville; Dr. H. E. McAfoose, G. C. Kline, J. R. Price, J. P. McClurg and H. S. Fullerton, Latrobe.

Duquesne—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dufendor, Erie; A. W. Cook and A. W. Cook, Jr., Brookville; H. A. Mackay, Philadelphia.

Schenley—H. A. Ellwood and wife, Kansas City; J. C. McGregor, Wheeling; Charles H. Troutman, Butler; H. C. Kelsey, Erie.

We Are Waking Up.

People in Pittsburgh are finding time, in the initial stage of a hot municipal campaign, to consider the question of changing moving day from the first of April to the first of May. The matter has been taken hold of in dead earnest and a committee of real estate dealers, merchants and property owners has been appointed to devise ways and means of bringing about the proposed reform. It is strange that the Smoky City, up to date as it is in most respects, should have been so slow to move in the matter referred to. All the arguments presented for the desired change are familiar to Erie people. The real estate men and landlords of this city recognized their force about a decade ago and acted accordingly.—Erie Times.

Complete Felicities.

If Santa Claus would send papa a new bank account, the felicities of the season would be complete.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Boston's Delinquencies.

Boston's new mayor says his town needs more snap—more snap, perhaps, and less beans.—Louisville Courier Journal.

BEST BREAKFAST FOOD.

Blobbs—I hear Easymark has been operated on.

Slobbs—On what?

Blobbs—On the stock exchange.—Philadelphia Record.

She—Did Mr. Highscoop go to Europe for a rest?

He—No, to avoid arrest.—Boston Post.

She—I hear you have just got married. Is it too late to congratulate you?

He—Oh! much too late. I was married three weeks ago!—Tit Bits.

Miss Gaussip—Mrs. Youngbride says her husband is so indulgent.

Mrs. Welser—Huh! It's she who is indulgent.

Miss Gaussip—Oh, no, he is. She says he buys her everything she needs.

Mrs. Welser—That's just it. Fancy a woman being satisfied with merely the things she needs.—Philadelphia Press.

Self-made men—I never yet
Could seriously take them;
I've noticed that weak woman can
Most generally break them.
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Which do you think we had better make?" said one Russian official, "threats or promises?"

"Whichever you choose," answered the other. "The people are paying just as much attention to one as the other."—Washington Star.

"Sonny," said the good old man, "I'm surprised that you should tease the cat in that way."

"Why?" replied the boy, pausing in his inhuman work, "do you know any better way?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Priscilla had just asked John to speak for himself. "You see," she explained, "I won't give him a chance after we are married." Wishing poetry instead of fact, however, Longfellow wrote up a different version.—New York Tribune.

BOOKS and BOOKMEN BY GEORGE SEIBEL

THE week before Christmas is a very uneventful one from the publisher's point of view, but a very lively one from that of the retail book seller. A glance into the shops made it clear that a goodly proportion of humanity were following the adage, "When in doubt, buy a book." Among the sumptuous editions of gift-books were many old favorites in new editions, which conservative and connoisseur buyers prefer to new authors they know nothing about. Thus one of the popular favorites is the new Riley volume, "Songs of Cheer," with illustrations by Will Vawter; another is Irving's "Rip Van Winkle," with 50 unique pictures by Arthur Rackham; another is Stevenson's "Child's Garden of Verse" with Jessie Willcox Smith's drawings. Of the new novels Edith Wharton's "House of Mirth," Charles Major's "Yolanda," and Meredith Nicholson's "House of a Thousand Candles" seem to be the favorites, if favorites can be picked out in the mad scramble.

The first important novel announced for 1906 is Miss Ellen Glasgow's "The Wheel of Life," which Doubleday, Page & Company will bring out on January 17. The publication of a new story by Miss Glasgow is an important literary event. Its interest will be heightened by the fact that after winning brilliant success as an interpreter of Virginia life she shifts the scene of her new novel to New York city. The hero is a literary man. It is said to be the largest and most ambitious novel so far by the author of "The Deliverance."

BLISS CARMAN'S ESSAYS.

The Poetry of Life. By Bliss Carman. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 258 pages. Price, $1.50.

POETS do not always make good prose writers. Swinburne, for instance, stuffs his plainest discourse with alliterations and preciosities; and so, in most cases, the poetic graces and adornments are overworked, the matter is neglected for the manner. The case of Emerson is hardly a fair criterion, because Emerson was a prose writer who wrote poetry, and his poetry is distinctive, individual, vigorous, because it partakes of the qualities that mark his prose. Bliss Carman has sat at Emerson's feet so long that he has caught something of the Emersonian outlook and insight, something also of the Emersonian habit and utterance. It has been a healthy influence altogether, for it has led him away from the tinkling pessimism of Verlaine's school to "the poetry of beauty, sincerity and elation."

Therefore we gladly sit at his feet for a while to hear him discourse of poetry, of its purpose in life, of the poet's duties and rewards, of the distaste for poetry, the poetry of tomorrow, the eternal validity and unfailing force of poetry. He tells us that the poets are "the dispensers of happiness, the bringers of wisdom, the guardians of mystery."

He writes with the simplicity of sincerity and the intensity of passion. In former volumes of essays he had no message of pressing importance to deliver, but here he bears what is perhaps the most portentous message of the age. He might well cry, with the son of Amoz, "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!" for in this volume the poet has resumed his primal function as prophet; he points out to us our iniquity and peril, and shows us the hills whence alone is our salvation. There is truly a marvelous insight revealed through these essays.

From every side we hear complaint of art's decay. Literature is commercialized; the stage is sinking to ever lower levels; ragtime rules while classic symphonies are played to empty benches; there are no more Raphaels and Turners; men whisper to each other that "art is dead." On the other hand, immorality and crime are on the increase; fraud and injustice stalk brazenly through the land; politics, finance, life insurance, every avenue of civic or business activity, reeks with corruption and rottenness; the penitentiaries are full, and still they are not nearly full enough; old-time ideals of honor and equity seem to have withered like old-time ideals of art.

Mr. Carman boldly exhibits the connection between the two, and unerringly points out the cause. "This decay in moral standards," he says, "goes hand in hand with our loss of taste. Our sense of beauty and our sense of goodness are so closely related that any injury to the one means an injury to the other. You cannot expect the nation which cares nothing at all for art to care very much for justice or righteousness. You cannot expect a man who does not care how hideous his surroundings are to care very fastidiously about his moral obligations."

He lays the blame upon our modern industrial system. "The industrial artist," he laments, "has become the factory hand. To produce anything worth while, either in the fine or the industrial arts, it is necessary that the worker should not be hurried, and should have some freedom to do his work in his own way, according to his own fancy and enjoyment. The modern workman, on the contrary, is a slave to his conditions; he can only earn his bread by working with a maximum of speed and a minimum of conscientiousness. He can have neither pleasure nor pride in his work; and consequently that work can have no artistic value whatever. The result is, that not only have we almost no industrial arts, properly speaking, but the modern workman is losing all natural taste and love of beauty through being denied all exercise of that faculty."

It is a seeming contradiction, a little later, when Mr. Carman sides with the Chicago professor who declared that "a man who works with his hands cannot be a poet." And yet it is only another aspect of the same matter; for what is really complained of is that the function of the head has been largely eliminated from the work of the hands. Hans Sachs would be a poet even in our day, but not if he were one of the dozen operatives who feed modern shoe-making machines in a modern shoe factory.

From the intolerable slavery of these conditions—intolerable, it must not be forgotten, to the capitalist as well as the workman—Mr. Carman points no way of escape. To re-emphasize Art itself is only a temporary alleviation. It does not strike at the root of the evil. We have forgotten the fundamental art—the art of living—of "securing a just poise of existence, of making all our endeavors subserve the great purpose of happiness." Perhaps Mr. Carman's book will help to shake up the people's conscience; it is only in a thorough awakening that salvation lies.

IN THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

The Scarlet Pimpernel. By Baroness Orczy. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 312 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.50.

An English product is the Baroness Orczy's book, and she herself is the daughter of a noble Hungarian family. But such importations and naturalizations are deserving of encouragement, for here is a romance of the French revolution full of real dash and go. It reminds one somewhat of Dumas, of Hugo and the early romanticists, both in the rapidity of its action and the ring of the dialogue. The hero is a young Englishman at the head of a devoted band who are rescuing French noblemen from the Terror; and the efforts of the Revolutionists to ascertain his identity introduce another element of suspense into the plot. It appears that the novel was a play before it was a book, and this is one of the few cases, like Tarkington's "Monsieur Beaucaire" where the novel hasn't sacrificed the drama's interest by long-winded descriptive padding.

The mysterious and daring leader of the rescuing band is called "The Scarlet Pimpernel" because of the wayside flower he has adopted as his emblem. He is the one character in the book that is theatrical and affected, with his perpetual "demme" and his exasperating ellipses; his habitual swagger and sangfroid seem merely put on to show off. Monsieur Beaucaire and d'Artagnan have that same pose, but in the one it is the fine flower of chivalry, in the other the native air of Gascon bravado. With this exception the book is almost unexceptionable. The love story is especially appealing in its tenderness and absence of gush.

A PRISONER'S VIEW OF CHRIST.

I. N. R. I. By Peter Rosegger. Translated by Elizabeth Lee. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 340 pages, illustrated in color. Price, $1.50.

Peter Rosegger is hardly known in this country, although his best book, "The Forest Schoolmaster," was published in translation two or three years ago. And who read "The Wheels of Chance," that delightful bicycling idyl, or "Love and Mr. Lewisham," will be prepared to relish the unusual side of Mr. Wells' genius revealed in "Kipps," which by its subtitle is "the story of a simple soul," and in its conception and treatment reminds one very much of Dickens himself.

The story of the humble hero, beginning with his boyhood, is saturated with picturesque detail that makes it almost a panorama of English life. We remember one of Mr. Wells' shorter stories, in which a conjuror's shop figured, where he displayed a marvelous intimacy with the machinery of prestidigitation. In this book he shows the same astounding familiarity with half-a-dozen different walks of life—the theatrical hangers-on, the retail shops, and similar ramifications of London's multitudinous activity. The pathetic efforts of Kipps to rise above his level, and the unfailing fount of wisdom that is Buggins, give the book its chief charm. It will reveal Mr. Wells in a new phase to many readers, who will like him none the less because he is not preposterous.

AN EPIC IN IRONY.

The Mayor of Troy. By A. T. Quiller-Couch. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 344 pages. Price, $1.50.

Quiller-Couch may always be depended upon to tell a good story and to tell it well. His latest book is in a mock-heroic vein, and narrates how the good citizens of Troy, in the Delectable Duchy, which some would call the Dialectable Duchy, led by their Major and Mayor, both embodied in Mr. Solomon Hymen, prepared to resist the threatened Napoleonic invasion of 1803. The character of the Mayor is drawn at full length, and is a masterpiece of farcical irony, illustrating how a man may become a hero unwittingly and unwillingly. The book bubbles over with fantastic humor; things are never permitted to remain in statu quo very long, though the author must have an explosion to keep them moving. Yet, for all his absurd and ridiculous adventures, one is inclined to sympathize with the Mayor as one does with Don Quixote, and when at last he takes his wooden leg to smash his own bust he rises almost to the stature of a real hero.

LIFE-INSURANCE STORIES.

The Best Policy. By Elliott Flower. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. 268 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.50.

People who like their information sugar-coated with fiction will learn considerable about the life insurance business from Mr. Flower's dozen of stories. The comedy and the tragedy of life insurance are set forth, and every bit of incidental romance seems to have been woven into the fabric of the tales. The best thing about them is doubtless the figure of Dave Murray, the big-hearted and jovial insurance man, whose eloquence and finesse no should-be policyholder can resist. Dave Murray's business philosophy is a valuable object lesson in our day of dubious and unscrupulous methods, for it shows how a man may be upright and yet successful. As stories all of the dozen are readable and some of them really entrancing. The first is probably the weakest, for not even a woman could be so sweetly unreasonable as Isabel Beckford. "An Incidental Speculation" is the most dramatic and thrilling, though the incidental speculator seems to be rather slow in arriving at an obvious solution, and the part played by life insurance is accidental rather than incidental; if Belden had not known Lake well enough to trust him with the money, life insurance would not have helped him out of his hole. But every one of the 12 tales is lively and informing.

A MISMATED COUPLE.

The Ballingtons. By Frances Squire. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 445 pages. Price, $1.50.

Studies of unfortunate marriages are abundant enough, but there is a note in Mrs. Squire's book that gives it distinct value—a tone of calm sobriety, of judicial restraint. Agnes mingles piety and artistic aspirations in her soul, the piety predominating. She marries Ferdinand Ballington, not so much because she loves him, as because she is led to think that she can convert him to her religious belief. When she discovers his deception and the futility of her hope, they drift ever farther apart. It is a powerful portrayal of a mistaken marriage, with its heart-break and soul tragedy. The lofty ethical tone of the book is its chief claim to distinction, however, among dozens of similar novels.

THE STORY OF A SIMPLE SOUL.

Kipps. By H. G. Wells. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 470 pages. Price, $1.50.

Those who did not read "The Wheels of Chance" probably think of Mr. Wells only as a comic Poe, an English Jules Verne, a writer of fantastic imagination relieved by true British humor. Those who read "The Wheels of Chance," that delightful bicycling idyl, or "Love and Mr. Lewisham," will be prepared to relish the unusual side of Mr. Wells' genius revealed in "Kipps," which by its subtitle is "the story of a simple soul," and in its conception and treatment reminds one very much of Dickens himself.

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A TALE OF THE CRUSADES.

Sir Raoul. By James M. Ludlow. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. 370 pages. Price, $1.50.

The Fourth Crusade furnishes a background of the kind Dr. Ludlow delights in; his adventurous plot would not fit into any period or phase of history less remote and picturesque. Sir Raoul, his hero, who is an outcast from the ranks of knighthood for some fancied affront to chivalry, performs dauntless deeds that make Richard Lionheart and Frederick Barbarossa look like schoolboys with peashooters. Venice and Constantinople are the scenes of some remarkable adventures after Sir Raoul quits the Black Forest and the life of an outlaw, and there is a really stirring description of the siege and fall of Constantinople. Dr. Ludlow mingles religious fervor with his hair-breadth escapes, and the book will please both the spiritual and the carnal-minded.

SAINTE-BEUVE'S ESSAYS.

Portraits of the Eighteenth Century. By C. A. Sainte-Beuve. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. Two volumes, 472 and 475 pages, illustrated. Price, $5.00.

Sainte-Beuve, the great French critic, was the prince of delightful literary causeurs. Any one who reads any of these essays from the "Causeries de Lundi" will see at a glance where Elbert Hubbard's "Little Journeys" began, though Sainte-Beuve had a scholarly solidity and a critical sincerity which Hubbard has not. In these essays, biographical mainly, he discusses such personages as Abbe Prevost, Denis Diderot, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Buffon, Voltaire, Franklin, Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, Beaumarchais, Lesage, Montesquieu, Adrienne Le Couvreur, Frederick the Great and Louis XV. The two large volumes are sumptuously bound, uniform with "Portraits of the Seventeenth Century," and adequately illustrated with portraits from rare prints.

A NEGRO MOTORMAN.

The Northerner. By Norah Davis. New York: The Century Company. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 324 pages. Price, $1.50.

The perennial race problem novel with its hackneyed plot and the perennial industrial novel with its hackneyed plot are welded together in "The Northerner," with confusion as the result rather than originality. The hero comes from the north to a little Alabama town to take charge of a street railway. His efforts to make it pay are impeded by the people's resentment because he employs a negro motorman. He sets his face against their prejudices, but, alas, he has fallen in love with a spirited southern girl, so he must war with his own heart. This plot is complicated by the parallel love story of a friend, a southerner, who is embarrassed by a grown-up mulatto daughter. The materials of the story are handled in a conventional way; the style, too, is conventional, and effusively exuberant whenever the hero appears on the scene. The one unconventional thing about it is the use of "strata" as a singular noun with the indefinite article.

FROM THE GERMAN GARDEN.

The Princess Priscilla's Fortnight. By the Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden." New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 329 pages. Price, $1.50.

Elizabeth can always be counted on to write entertainingly and to see the humorous side of good-humored characters of every complexion. In her new novel, which otherwise is very much like other new novels, she has given us a capital portrait of the German pedant with a warm heart beneath his vellum hide. Old Fritzing, who reminds one very much of Prof. Juttner in "Heidelberg," is at his best when he is negotiating to rent the cottage where the Princess Priscilla spends her fortnight. The Princess, who would have made a good match for Karl Heinrich in the same book, is weary of the court's stiffness and formality, so she runs away. Rollicking farce and sentiment are about evenly proportioned in the book. Whether the Princess engages 25 cooks for one cottage, or whether she dallies with the Prince, she is equally adorable, though not so adorable as Fritzing. And these two make the book worth reading, even though we may be surfeited with Elizabeth.

A BOOK OF CHEERY HUMOR.

When You Were a Boy. By Edwin L. Sabin. New York: The Baker & Taylor Company. 302 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.50.

Mr. Sabin has caught the spirit of boy life admirably. These sketches have a sympathy and tenderness wonderfully appealing. Such chapter headings as "You at School," "Chums," "The Circus," "When You Ran Away," "The Sunday School Picnic" and "The Old Muzzle Loader" tell a good deal of their own story. Mr. Sabin is a kind of prose Riley, and Frederic Dorr Steele has contributed 50 illustrations in the same spirit.

SIX YEARS BEFORE WAGNER.

The Happy Life. By Charles W. Eliot. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. 44 pages. Price, 75 cents.

Six years before Pastor Wagner preached "The Simple Life," President Eliot had expounded the same doctrine in this little book. The style is better; the matter isn't threshed over in long-winded Chadbandian repetitions; and the general tone of the book is healthier than Pastor Wagner's. Here anyone can have in 44 pages, thoroughly American in spirit, what the French-Alsatian preacher has already spread over six volumes.

RANDY THE SIXTH.

Randy's Luck. By Amy Brooks. Boston: Lee & Shepard Company. 258 pages. Price, $1.00.

The well known Randy, now in her sixth volume, has a power for winning and holding friends so marked that some envious companions say it is simply Randy's "luck." Fairer-minded ones, who know her well, refuse to take this view, and the course of the story proves that what some call luck is nothing else than Randy's unselfish and lovable nature.

MORE OF THE "REAL BOY."

Letters to Beany. By Henry A. Shute. Boston: The Everett Press. 176 pages. Price, 50 cents.

"The Real Diary of a Real Boy" and "Sequil" were novel and funny. The "Letters" are still funny, but no longer novel. Why will authors work a good idea to death? By the time the next book about Beany and Plapy Shute comes out, those worthy young men might reasonably be expected to have improved their spelling a little.

A MANUAL OF HYGIENE.

Health. By Walter V. Woods, M. D. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Co. 196 pages. Price, 50 cents.

Dr. Woods' book is a manual of common-sense hygiene that could be read with profit in every home. The various chapters discuss air, water, food, clothing, bathing, exercise, rest and dwellings, and advocate no fad or crank cure of any kind.

MAGAZINE NOTES.

The Christmas number of Harper's Weekly presents a fine array of contributors, containing stories and poems by George Ade, W. D. Howells, Thomas A. Janvier, John Kendrick Bangs, Will N. Harben, Roy Rolfe Gilson, Burges Johnson, Wilbur D. Nesbit and Harriet Prescott Spofford.

Arthur Symons, the English critic and poet, is represented in the January Smart Set by an essay, "Aspects of Verlaine," wherein he writes sympathetically of the French poet, and gives nine hitherto unpublished translations of his lyrics. Poems by Madison Cawein, Clarence Urmy, Theodosia Garrison, Samuel Minturn Peck and stories by Beatrix Demarest Lloyd, Gertrude Lynch, Roland F. Andrews and others constitute a very readable ensemble.

"The Music-Lover's Calendar" is a new yearly publication published at Boston, but printed at the Rogcrofter's shop. It is in magazine form, beautifully printed, and is issued "solely for Art's sake." The initial number has articles by Lawrence Gilman, Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, Victor Herbert and others, with portraits of Debussy, d'Indy, MacDowell, Foote, Herbert, Mrs. Beach and a dozen others. It is thoroughly artistic and of permanent value.

S. Weir Mitchell is 75 years old, yet he spent his summer in writing a short novel which will appear serially in The Century, beginning in February. A portrait of Shelley attracted much attention in a recent number of The Century. That magazine will print a new portrait of Thackeray in the January number and in February a new portrait of Keats. A discussion of "Individualism vs. Socialism," by William J. Bryan is also promised for an early number. Mr. Bryan is in favor of individualism.

New Shakespeareana for January is the most important yet of the issues of this quarterly, for it contains verbatim the complaint, answer and decree in the chancery suit brought by Shakespeare and others, April 26, 1615, recently discovered by Professor Charles William Wallace of the University of Nebraska, while searching in the public records office in London, where they had lain unsuspected for almost 300 years. There is also an interesting paper, "What actors have done for Shakespearean biography," besides the usual.

Perhaps the chief distinction of the January Harper's will lie in the first installment of Margaret Deland's new novel, "The Awakening." Mr. Nevinson contributes more details about the African slave trade; Agnes C. Laut has an article on the picturesque "Sea Voyagers of the Northern Ocean;" H. Newell Wardle of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia writes a fascinating account of the new archaeological discoveries at Moundville, Ala., and Thomas A. Janvier recounts tales of old legends of the City of Mexico. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman's story, "The Unconfirming," appears and there are short stories by William Dean Howells, Grace Ellery Channing and other well-known writers.

The World's Work for January is a specially striking and significant issue. Henry Beach Needham inaugurates a series of notable articles on the United States senate, showing how it is obstructive instead of being constructive. A dramatic and tragic chapter of American politics is told by Isaac F. Marcosson in "May Pennsylvania Have Honest Politics?"—an expose of the long misuse of state funds. M. G. Cunniff's "The Last of the Territories" is an impressive narrative of the New Mexico and Arizona fight for statehood. The remarkable series on life insurance articles is continued by "Q. P." and Mrs. Hugh Fraser begins her series of articles on "Japan in the Stress of Victory." A searching first-hand analysis of real conditions in Porto Rico is made by George P. Lyle, Jr., whose articles on the control of the Caribbean have attracted wide attention. Other articles include "How Men Get Rich Now," by C. W. Keys; "The Cotton Growers," by Arthur Page, and "Swinging the March of Empire Southwestward," by French Strother.

Will Build Mill at McDonald.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Pittsburgh Woolen Mills Company, whose plant was recently burned out in Allegheny, has decided to erect a mill at McDonald, this county. About 50 hands will be employed when the mill is completed.

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VERY SMALL AUDIENCE, BUT A GOOD PROGRAM

Christmas Demands Affect Pittsburgh Orchestra Attendance. Numbers Well Rendered.

Christmas preparations and conflicting attractions were doubtless responsible for one of the smallest audiences which has yet greeted the Pittsburgh orchestra at an evening concert, for Carnegie Music hall seemed less than half full last evening. The first number on the program was Schumann's "Genoveva" overture. Its performance was not without flaw, and the work failed to make the impression which it deserves and would undoubtedly create if heard at a more auspicious time.

The Paur violin concerto in E minor was awaited with considerable interest as the first composition of Mr. Paur's heard at these concerts. It was written when Paur was a very young student in Vienna, only 15 or thereabouts, and doubtless he would write quite differently if he set about a violin concerto today. The solo part is quite difficult, sometimes more difficult than showy, and the elaborate orchestration calls for full orchestra, including trombones, tuba and harp. It cannot be said that the choice of melodies is always fortunate, and while the harmony is clever, it is of unequal interest. The concerto leaves the impression that the composer took the work very seriously and feared to allow himself the latitude which would have livened matters considerably. Mr. Von Kunits played with his usual facility, as if he had known the concerto for years instead of weeks, and both soloist and composer were frequently recalled.

The "Waldweben" from "Siegfried" was well done, and few things played this year have been given with more clearness and smoothness. The last number on the program was Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique," played last evening for the first time in its entirety at these concerts, and it is a great pity that such a symphony was not heard by a larger audience. Such music, especially with such a vivid program, would doubtless interest many persons to whom an ordinary symphony is much of an enigma. At first there was slight hesitancy on the part of the orchestra, but this presently wore off, and the most of the symphony was done with excellent effect. The adagio was especially impressive, and surely all the witches Berlioz counted on were present at the final revel. The ball scene might be criticised for lack of lightness—surely Berlioz intended his dancers to have more grace, and occasionally the shading of the softer passages in the third movement was so delicate as to render certain parts almost entirely inaudible, but the orchestra was never lacking in the spirited movements. It would be entirely fitting to repeat this symphony at a later concert of the series, or perhaps at one of the downtown popular concerts which are to begin in January, when it could reach a larger audience. The same program is to be repeated this afternoon at 2:15.

THE THREE RIVERS

The stage of water at Davis island dam at 9 o'clock last night was 10.8 feet, and the river was rising.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—River 19.6 feet and falling. Departures were: Greenwood for Pomeroy, Courier for Maysville, and City of Cincinnati for Louisville.

LOUISVILLE—River rising; in canal, 8 feet 2 inches; on falls, 6 feet; below locks, 20 feet 8 inches. The Raymond Horner arrived with a tow of empties for Pittsburgh.

WHEELING—River 10 feet 7 inches and rising. Departed, Bessie Smith for Parkersburg, Keystone State for Pittsburgh.

POINT PLEASANT—River 12 feet 3 inches and rising. Down, Greenwood. Up, Kanawha and Lucy Marmet.

STEUBENVILLE—River 11 feet 9 inches and falling. The Clyde came down to remove a sunken barge from the channel near Wells tipple.

PARKERSBURG—River 11.5 feet and rising. The Bedford left for Wheeling, the French for Creston, the Ben Hur for Pittsburgh.

GALLIPOLIS—River 15 feet and rising.

MORGANTOWN—River 11 feet 5 inches and falling.

GREENSBORO—River 11 feet 3 inches and falling. Down, Columbia. Up, Dewey.

OIL CITY—River 4 feet 2 inches and rising.

MARIETTA—River 11 feet and rising. Down, Ben Hur.

COALBOAT STAGE HERE.

First of the Fleets Starts South With Tows. Expect More Water.

Several coal companies took advantage of the rise yesterday and boats were sent south with tows of coal. The shipments of coal on the last rise at Thanksgiving were very large, and consequently the shipments yesterday were light. The rise yesterday was sufficient to take away the boats, but a prediction of one foot more is made by the weather bureau.

The following boats were sent out yesterday by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company: James Moren, with 10 boats and 10 barges; Iron Age, with 14 boats and 6 barges, and Tom Doddsworth, with 10 boats, 2 models and 7 barges. The following boats will get away today for the same company: The Sam Clarke, with 10 boats and 12 barges, and the Coal City, with 10 boats and 7 barges.

The A. R. Budd Coal Company sent out the Harvester with 22 barges and 22 flats. The John F. Klein assisted this tow part way down the river. The United States Coal Company sent out the Helen White with 8 boats and 6 barges and the Gleaner took 10 boats and 12 barges for the C. Jutte Company.

The work on the raising of the Rose Hite was suspended yesterday on account of high water. The boat is said not to be in danger and work on her will be resumed as soon as the river falls.

The Greenland and the Lorena arrived yesterday. The Greenland left during the afternoon and the Lorena will get away this afternoon. The Keystone State will arrive and depart today. The packets are carrying the largest number of passengers for some time.

Capt. Harry McGuire of the steamer Frank Gilmore, charged by Thomas P. Roberts, assistant United States engineer, with trespassing on lock No. 2, and assaulting James J. Speakman, the assistant locktender, was given a hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Lindsey. Speakman testified McGuire accused him of turning the lock against the steamer Gilmore and called him vile names, and that when he went into the office of the lock to sign McGuire's manifest the latter struck him on the side of the head. It was also shown that it has been the custom for the past 25 years to allow steamboat men on the lock walls when they have business to transact. It was contended by the government that McGuire's assault on Speakman made the former a trespasser on the government's property. Commissioner Lindsey reserved his decision.

The Death Roll

Henry Ochse.

Henry Ochse, aged 96, the oldest resident of Etna, died yesterday morning of old age at his home, 43 Locust street, Etna. Mr. Ochse was one of the best known residents of the borough, where he had resided for many years. He was born in Oberholzhauser, Germany, and came to this country in 1839, when it required 57 days to make the voyage. After a short residence in Baltimore, Mr. Ochse came to Stewartstown, now the borough of Etna. For some time he worked in the mills of the Spang-Chalfant Company, and later at the plant of Lewis, Bailey, Dalzell & Co. He was compelled to retire in 1871, when he entered the insurance business. Mr. Ochse was married in 1841 to Miss Mary Sutter of Etna, who died four years ago, 19 days after the couple celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. Of eight children, six are living. They are: Henry W., director of the poor; Samuel J., Mrs. John Lanfried, Mrs. William J. McKee, Mrs. John Metzgar and Miss Emma Ochse. Of those dead, Charles D. was postmaster of Etna for 17 years and John J. was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Ochse always took an active part in politics. He had been a voter for 81 years, having cast his first vote for Henry Clay in 1844. He was the first burgess of Etna and had held almost every office in the borough, either elective or appointive. After the great fire in Pittsburgh in 1845, deceased was one of those sent from Etna to aid in clearing away the debris. He was the last surviving charter member of the German Evangelical church of Etna, which he assisted in organizing in 1849.

Henry Ochse.

David A. Carter.

Word was received yesterday of the death at Datona, Fla., of David A. Carter, formerly well known in the steel and iron business here. Mr. Carter, whose home was in Ingram, had spent the last 17 winters in Florida, having a residence at Indianola, where he owned a large orange grove. He was born about 68 years ago in Ohio, and many years ago he and his brother, John Carter, conducted a wholesale grocery and tobacco business in Wood street, this city. The business was disposed of, and Mr. Carter became a heavy stockholder in the Mansfield Iron & Steel Company, whose plant was at Mansfield, now Carnegie. He was a vice president of the company and served as manager. When the name of the borough was changed to Carnegie the name of the company was also changed, becoming the Chartiers Steel Company. Mr. Carter was actively interested in the concern until it was absorbed by the United States Steel corporation, since when he lived a retired life. Mr. Carter's health had been poor for three years, and he spent but little time at his home in Ingram. Upon returning from Florida last spring he stayed but a few weeks at Ingram, going to Atlantic City, and from there to Florida again last October. On account of his rapidly failing health, he had left his plantation several weeks ago and gone to Datona, where death resulted from heart failure. Mr. Carter had maintained a home in Ingram for 17 years. He was a member of the Sixth Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh and a large contributor to the work of that congregation. He also made large donations for the new Presbyterian church at Ingram. Mr. Carter married Miss Abbie Guild of Boston, Mass., who survives him. There are no children. A brother and sister are left—John Carter of West Virginia and Mrs. Cable of New York.

Frank A. Pollock.

Frank A. Pollock died at the residence of his parents, Joseph G. and Margaret Anderson Pollock, Chatsworth avenue, yesterday afternoon. He had been an invalid for some years.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Frank S. Duncan, Julia J. Deitz; Andrew A. Neave, Rosamond J. Chamberlain; Robert Washington, Annie Tapp; George Buehler, Emma M. Coats, all of Pittsburgh.

John A. Fisher, Lizzie Overbeck, Allegheny. George Lyle, Elizabeth Cairns, Chewsick.

George A. Hazlitt, Frances C. Hill, Tarentum.

Elmer Sauer, Philomena Beck, Robinson township.

Ellis N. Hall, Emma M. Speer, Braddock.

Frank Parker, Montooth borough, Annie Smith, Pittsburgh; Oscar Viberg, Allegheny, Esther Peterson, Pittsburgh; Whitfield H. Huber, Lansaster, Pa., Hattie J. Stearns, Jackson township; Earl Weamer, Homer City, Jeannette Iseman, Kent; James Brown, Sharpsburg, Blanche Dyer, Pittsburgh; George R. Williams, Mifflin township, Ella M. Goodworth, Pittsburgh.

DIED.

CARTER—At Daytona, Fla., DAVID A. CARTER of Ingram, Pa.
Notice of funeral later.

COOL—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, CLENDENING A. COOL.
Funeral services at his late residence, 1818 Webster avenue, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

CRAFT—Suddenly, on Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at Mt. Clemens, Mich., CHARLES C. CRAFT.
Funeral services at the family home, Noble avenue, Crafton, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

DENNY—On Friday, December 22, at 11:30 a. m., Mrs. MARTHA T. DENNY, widow of James H. Denny of West Middletown, Pa.
Funeral from her late residence, West Middletown, Pa., on Sunday, December 24, at 2 p. m.

EMERICK—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 1 p. m., LITTIE B. SICKLES, wife of S. O. Emerick, in her 26th year.
Funeral from her late residence, Marshall township, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Carriages leave office of H. P. Brandt, Perrysville, Pa., at 8:30 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HARMER—On Friday, December 22, 1905, at his residence, 5902 Green street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., GEORGE WILSON HARMER, in his 60th year.
Interment at Homewood cemetery, Pittsburgh, on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

HENDERSON—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 3:30 a. m., THOMAS HENDERSON, in his 74th year. (Formerly of the Ninth ward).
Funeral services at the family residence, 5414 Coral street, East End, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment at Parnassus, Pa., on arrival of train leaving East Liberty station at 9:30 Sunday morning.

HILTON—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 10:45 p. m., FRANCIS R. HILTON, beloved husband of Ida M. Hilton (nee Waters), in his 52nd year.
Funeral services at his late residence, 243 Miller street, corner Virginia avenue, Knoxville borough, on Sunday, at 2 p. m. Members of the Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 11, B. P. O. Elks, and Bellevue Conclave Improved Order of Heptasophs and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

JENKINS—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 2:15 a. m., Dr. DAVID THOMAS JENKINS, aged 41 years.
Funeral services at his late residence, 915 North Euclid avenue, East End, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

M'ALEESE—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, 53 Maple avenue, South Side, JACOBINA M'ALEESE (nee Sibler), widow of James McAleese, in the 84th year of her age.
Funeral services at her late home, 53 Maple avenue, South Side, on Saturday at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

M'CONNELL—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 9 a. m., HUGH, husband of Anna McConnell, aged 46 years.
Funeral services at the family residence, 4004 Duquesne avenue, Allegheny, on Saturday, December 23, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MINER—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 1:20 a. m., JOHN FRANKLIN MINER, aged 68 years.
Funeral from his late residence, 1473 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pa., on Saturday, December 23, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private. Express train leaves Union station at 1 o'clock, city time.

POLLOCK—On Friday, December 22, 1905, at the family residence, Chatsworth avenue, near Mobile street, Hazelwood, FRANK A., son of Joseph G. and Margaret Anderson Pollock.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

SAVAGE—On Friday, December 22, 1905, at 9 a. m., THOMAS H. SAVAGE of Clairton, Pa., in his 34th year.
Funeral from the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Hugo, Clairton, Pa., Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Services at St. Claire's Roman Catholic church, at 2 p. m. Interment at St. Joseph's cemetery, McKeesport. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

THOMPSON—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 3 p. m., ARTHUR L. THOMPSON, aged 23 years.
Funeral from the home of his parents', A. B. and Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, Springdale, Pa., this afternoon. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

TODD—On Thursday, December 21, 1905, at 9 p. m., MARGARET J. WILEY, wife of Peter S. Todd.
Funeral services at the family residence, Oak street, Braddock, Pa., Saturday, December 23, 1905, at 2 p. m. Interment private, later.

TOMKINS—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 12:15 p. m., MAY, daughter of Alfred and Ellen Tomkins, aged 19 years.
Funeral on Saturday, December 23, from the parents' residence, Bailey avenue, Thirty-second ward, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WOOLNER—On Friday, December 22, 1905, at 4:30 a. m., WILLIAM, beloved husband of Emma Woolner (nee Taylor), aged 36 years.
Funeral from his late residence, 377 Main street, on Sunday, at 2 p. m. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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EMIL PAUR, CONDUCTOR.
Today at 2:15 KUNITS Violin Soloist
NOTE CHANGE OF PRICES.
All Aft. Seats reserved at 50c and 75. Ticket Office at Hamilton's, 581 Wood St. Bell Tel. Grant 1249, and at Carnegie Music Hall after 1:30 P. M. today.

Grand CONTINUOUS VAUDEVILLE 1:30 TO 10:45 P.M.
THIS WEEK FRANK D. BRYAN and American Girls
15—SUPERB ACTS—15

EMPIRE THEATER, Up Town, Collins Ave. Reached By All Car Lines.
THIS WEEK—A HOT OLD TIME
Matinee Saturday. Next Attraction—"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

GAYETY—MATINEES DAILY
SCRIBNER'S GAY MORNING GLORIES
Next Week—BOWERY BURLESQUERS.

BIGELOW TO MAKE ANOTHER FIGHT

Councils Are Called for Next Wednesday to Settle Light and Railroad Issues.

Special meetings of both select and common councils are called for next Wednesday, instead of the regular sessions on Christmas day. The meetings for Wednesday were called by the presidents of the respective branches, acting in accordance with the desire of Director Bigelow, who returned yesterday from his shopping trip to New York city.

Director Bigelow desires a meeting of select and common councils next week to pass the Pittsburgh Junction railroad ordinance containing the agreement which Director Bigelow has made with the railroad. This agreement will come up in select council. The special committee which viewed the grounds will recommend the passage of the bill. A fight on the ordinance is certain, because a number of members have announced their intention of opposing the ordinance on various grounds.

A hot time is expected in select over the Brand light resolution, which, it is announced, Director Bigelow and Controller Larkin will jointly attack. The director will oppose the resolution by the votes of members whom he claims to control and Controller Larkin will attempt to create sentiment to defeat the resolution by a communication which he says he has prepared and will send to councils.

CONTRACTING FIRM MAKES ASSIGNMENT

Construction Company Secures Receiver Rinaker for $6,000 Loan from Enterprise.

The International Construction Company, the contracting firm that gets most of the Allegheny City paving and excavating jobs, made an assignment to the Enterprise National bank yesterday, of all the moneys owed the company by the city. The sum amounts to $6,379 63, and is assigned to Receiver Thomas Rinaker to secure him for two demand notes aggregating $6,000 held by the bank for money loaned. Each note is for $3,000, the first being dated June 9, 1904, and the other March 28, 1905. The papers were executed in the office of Controller Brown by Receiver Rinaker and City Solicitor Stephen G. Porter.

Receiver Rinaker asserts that the story to the effect that three men were charged with conspiring with the late T. Lee Clark to wreck the Enterprise bank is a fabrication. "I don't know where such a rumor got started, but I know there is no truth in it," said the receiver.

The Enterprise will be closed only on Sunday and Monday, according to Mr. Rinaker. Work will be resumed on Tuesday and there will be no delay because of the holidays. Special Examiner E. P. Mckey is in Washington, and is said to have gone there to consult with Attorney General Moody. It is not thought he will return until after the first of the year.

VOTE $1,000 TO WIDOW OF FIREMAN STEELE

Disability Board Pays Claims—Capt. Leonard Smith Retires—$137,000 in the Fund.

The Firemen's Disability board yesterday voted to pay $1,000 death benefit to Mrs. Mary Steele, whose husband, Robert Steele, died from injuries received at the Graff Company fire in Liberty avenue on Thanksgiving. He was a member of No. 3 engine company.

Leonard Smith, captain of engine company No. 26, was placed on the retired list at half-pay, to take effect January 1. He will be entitled to $55 per month.

Elias John, secretary, reported a balance in the banks to the credit of the board amounting to $167,000.

Allowances were made to several firemen on the injured list, including Madison F. Thomas of engine company No. 8, who was granted $83, and Lawrence Pivirotti, engine company No. 14, who was given $19.29. Victor Neelan of engine company No. 3 and William J. Zipf of engine company No. 3, were each granted a continuance of $15.

CHAUFFEUR IS HUMANE.

Runs Over a Small Boy and Takes Him to a Physician.

August Espey, aged 15, of 306 Warden street, South Side, was run down by an automobile at Wood street and Oliver avenue yesterday morning and slightly injured. The machine was driven by Chauffeur Frederick Balser.

The boy was crossing the street and did not see the machine. The front wheel passed over him, and the chauffeur stopped, and placing the boy in the machine, took him to a store and summoned medical attendance. The boy was but slightly injured, but the chauffeur, fearing he might have received internal injuries, took him to the station house and had him sent to the Homeopathic hospital, where it was determined the boy was only bruised. The chauffeur was not detained by the police, but at charge of violating a city ordinance was lodged against him.

TRACTION CARS WILL NOT PASS THROUGH SEWICKLEY

Because of the objections of the residents of Sewickely against having traction cars pass through that place, the Pittsburgh Railways Company has decided to connect with the Beaver lines by extending the Coraopolis line and cross the Ohio river at Stoops Ferry to Leetsdale. A charter has been asked to extend the Coraopolis line. The company will eventually extend its line from Avalon to Coraborne, adjoining Sewickley, and will build westward to Edgewood.

Pittsburgh Girl Goes Into Vaudeville.

Miss Lenona Stevens, the Pittsburgh girl who made a marked impression by her singing in "The Wizard of Oz," will close her engagement with the company at the Nixon theater tonight and go into vaudeville. At the Nixon last night Miss Stevens took the part of "Trixie Tryfle" and scored a success in her familiar "Sammy" song. Her friends were out in large numbers.

The Southern California New Train—Best Route.

The Los Angeles Limited, electric lighted, now from the Pullman shops, with all latest innovations for travel comfort, leaves Chicago 10:05 p. m. daily, arrives Los Angeles 4:45 p. m. third day. Solid through train via Chicago, Union Pacific and North-Western Line and The Salt Lake Route. For rates, sleeping car reservations and full particulars apply to your nearest agent or address, A. Q. Vallant, Gen'l Agt., 504 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

A bank book showing a deposit in favor of the recipient makes a very splendid and practical Christmas offering, especially for the little folks. Moreover, it encourages them in the right direction. This bank sends out all books intended for Christmas givings in a special holiday envelope, and tied with a bow of red ribbon. Such accounts may be started with any amount from $1 up. Peoples Savings bank, Fourth avenue and Wood street.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R. Christmas Excursions Round Trip from Pittsburgh.

New Castle	$2.10	Youngstown	$2.75
Cleveland	5.35	Toledo	8.25
Detroit	11.10	Chicago	14.00
Ashtabula	5.10	Erie	6.90
Buffalo	9.20	Meadville	4.60
Brownsville	2.00		

Proportionately low fares to other points.

B. P. O. Elks No. 11.

Frank R. Hilton, a member of Pittsburgh lodge, died Thursday, December 21, 1905, at his residence 245 Miller street, Knoxville. Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Members of the lodge who can attend, will meet at the temple, 1940 Fifth avenue, not later than 1 o'clock, Sunday, December 24, 1905.

Wheeling and Return $1.50 Pennsylvania Lines Every Sunday.

Leave Pittsburgh Union station 8:50 a. m., Central time. Excursion tickets also sold for train with parlor car leaving Union station 8:20 a. m.

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ON account of the immense quantities we can dispose of, the prices we pay are greatly lessened—and as a result you buy Palms, etc., today for half and even less the usual florist charges.

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Potted Artificial Palms—5 leaves, 40 inches high, 49c.
—Natural Potted Palms, 39c, 65c to $5.00.
—Natural Potted Ferns at 25c, 39c to $5.50.
—Natural Potted Rubber Plants at 65c and 98c.
—Natural Potted Fern Pans at 39c and 50c.

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¼ Off — FANCY GIFT BOXES ¼ Off
¼ Off — ALL FANCY BASKETS ¼ Off
¼ Off — FANCY STATIONERY ¼ Off
¼ Off — $1 TO $2.50 HANDKERCHIEFS ¼ Off
¼ Off — ALL CALENDARS ¼ Off
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SHERIFF'S SALES

Abstract of properties to be sold by JAMES W. DICKSON, Esq., sheriff of Allegheny County, on Monday, January 1st, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House, City of Pittsburgh.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

The purchase money shall be paid at the time of sale, or by Friday, January 5th, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., otherwise the property will again on January 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the same place, be put up and sold at the expense and risk of the persons to whom it was struck off, who, in case of any deficiency in such re-sale, shall make good the same.

Clara S. Hudleston, deceased, in the hands of Catherine Anna Hudleston, her Executrix; and Catherine Anna Hudleston.
No. 2, L. F. 1, January, 1906. $2,498.22
Brown & Stewart.

Lot No. 12, in Clara S. Hudleston's plan, borough of Bon Avon, Plan Book Vol. 3, Page 68; fronting 25 feet on northerly side of Shafer place, and extending back 91 37-100 feet, and having thereon a two-story and attic frame dwellings.

W. E. Harrison, deceased, with Notice to C. G. Harrison, Executor of the last Will and Testament of W. E. Harrison, deceased; and Margaret Harrison, Widow.
No. 2, F. F. 3, January, 1906. $4,464.61
W. E. Newlin.

Piece of land in Second ward, McKeesport, beginning on north side of Library avenue (sometimes called Spring street), on line of land of Oliver Evans, deceased; thence westwardly along Library avenue 15 52-100 feet to land of Joseph McAtee; thence northwardly along McAtee's line 110 feet to a 20-foot alley; thence eastwardly along said alley 63 20-100 feet to land of Oliver Evans, deceased, and thence southwardly along same 118 94-100 feet to place of beginning.

Addison Boren.
No. 2, F. F. 7, January, 1906. $6,882.50
J. A. Wakefield.

Lot No. 28, in Stanton place plan, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 18, Page 142; frouting 40 feet on westerly side of Chislett street, and extending back 100 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon a two-story brick dwelling.

George W. Probst.
No. 2, L. F. 8, January, 1906. $4,189.67
Charles Large.

Lot No. 5, in R. G. Herron's plan, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 4, Page 102; beginning on northwest corner of Lyon and Shawnee streets; fronting 26 feet, 11 inches, on Lyon street, and extending back along Shawnee street 124 feet, 7½ inches to an alley, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling and frame stable.

John J. Jones.
No. 2, F. F. 9, January, 1906. $1,494.66
James H. Payne.

Lots Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74, in sub-division of Villa Park plan, Thirty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 13, Page 135; there being erected a four-roomed dwelling house with basement, kitchen on each of lots Nos. 71, 73 and 74.

George G. Whitesell, with Notice to Eleanor A. Horton, Terre Tenant, and with Notice to Maurice Hirch.
No. 2, L. F. 27, January, 1906. $6,055.23
James McCurdy.

Lot fronting 29 60-100 feet on westerly side of Mellon street, 219 40-100 feet southerly from the southwest corner of Mellon street and Livery alley, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back 133 feet to Portland alley.

Daniel W. Wylie.
No. 2, L. F. 28, January, 1906. $4,704.04
C. A. Robb.

Lot No. 5, and part of lot No. 4, in T. H. Wilson's plan, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 14, Page 65; frontling——feet on northerly side of Herron avenue, and extending back along line of lot No. 4 in said plan, 104 36-100 feet to a 20-foot alley.

Also—Lot fronting 30 feet on Redman street, 100 feet from southwesterly corner of Sheridan avenue and Rodman street, said ward, and extending back 89 feet.

William McHendry, with Notice to James M. McNiel (or McNeil), Terre Tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 30, January, 1906. $2,632.20
J. S. Ferguson, E. H. Stowe.

Lot fronting 51 50-100 feet on south side of Friendship avenue, 59 feet east from southeast corner of Millvale and Friendship avenue, Twentieth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back 150 feet to an alley, and having thereon a two-story brick dwelling.

Herman Hellscher, deceased, in the Hands of The Dollar Savings Fund & Trust Company, his Administrator, with Notice to Mary Hellscher, Widow.
No. 2, L. F. 33, January, 1906. $356.59
J. M. Friedman.

Lot No. 45, in Peter Schmitgen's plan, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 16, Page 112, fronting 25 feet on Schmitgen street, and extending back 100 feet to a 15-foot alley, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling.

Louis A. Lenkhardt, deceased, in the Hands of Lena Lenkhardt, Administratrix, with Notice to Lena Lenkhardt, Widow, William C. Tinnemeyer, Guardian of the Estate of Louis A. Lenkhardt, Esther L. Lenkhardt, Wilhelmina A. Lenkhardt, Minnie L. Lenkhardt and Roy W. Lenkhardt, minor children of said Louis A. Lenkhardt, deceased.
No. 2, L. F. 36, January, 1906. $884.16
W. Macrum.

Lot No. 13, in block No. 43, in East Pittsburgh Improvement Company's plan, borough of Wilmerding, Pla. Book Vol. 10, Page 24; fronting 40 feet on northerly side of Air Brake avenue, and extending back 110 feet to Middle avenue.

S. Shamberger, also known as Samuel Shamberger.
No. 2, F. F. 53, January, 1906. $3,354.45
Alpern & Sedar.

Lot. No. 104, in Aaron Hart's Plan, Eighth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 13, page 151; fronting 24 feet on easterly side of Crawford street, and extending back along a 10 foot alley 133 feet to Holtz alley; and having thereon a 3-story brick dwelling.

William R. Faxon, with notice to Joseph Nicheals, W. Reed McCabe, The Equitable Land Improvement Company, Maurice Walters, George H. Johnston, George A. Harris, Mary E. Kellar, Margaret V. McKinley, H. P. Dowler, John C. Dight and William C. Finley, Harry E. Jones, Robert T. McCready, William E. Davis, Jessie M. Cornman, Farmers Mechanics Saving Fund and Loan Association, Henry M. Ritz, Wallace E. Brown, H. E. Blair and John C. Thomas, Dr. Martin N. Green, Theo. P. Bennett, Joseph P. McMillen, James J. Porter, George B. Hess, Barbara Rothenand, Nicholas John Porter Yost, Frank P. Hendricks, Laura M. Pritchard, Milron S. Barnes, W. J. Bash, Ross R. Glasgow, J. C. Dick, Harriett E. Francis, Katherine E. Drenning, H. W. McIntosh, Anna Schmidt and Clara E. Liggett, terre tenants, and H. M. Preston, Receiver of The Equitable Land Improvement Company.
No. 2, L. F. 63, January, 1906. $2,732.66
William Kauffmann.

Piece of land in Braddock township, beginning at a post in the center of the township road, and on the line of lands of Eli Dowler, and bounded by said lands, lands of Mary Sarver, land of Peter Perchment, land of A. Chalfant, land of John Bowers, and a township road; containing 39 174-1000 acres strict measure. Excepting and reserving thereout lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112, 152, 187, 189, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 207, 208, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 258, 259, 306, 307, 308, 309, 316, 351, 312, 313, 314, 317, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 404 and 405, in The East Pittsburgh and Braddock plan, Plan Book Vol. 16, page 158. Also premises conveyed to O. H. Rosenbaum, September 10, 1902, deed book 1220, page 29. Also premises conveyed to Frederick Shear, August 24, 1901, deed book 1191, page 376.

William W. Whitesell, deceased, in the hands of J. Francis Horton and Frank C. Whitesell, his executors; Anna Margaret Whitesell, devisee and heir at law of William W. Whitesell, deceased, Frank C. Whitesell, George C. Whitesell, Minnie Horton and Anna Whitesell, heirs at law of William Whitesell, deceased, with notice to J. H. Shoemaker and M. G. Keys, tenants in possession.
No. 2, L. F. 69, January, 1906. $8,202.83
Dodds & Robinson.

Lot. No. 11, in Merchants Place Plan, Ninth ward, McKeesport, Plan Book Vol. 15, page 148; fronting 28 feet on Cherry lane, extending back 100 feet to Diamond alley; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Also, lot No. 79, in said plan, said ward; fronting 25 feet on St. Clair avenue, and extending back along Merchant street 102 12-100 feet to Silver alley, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Vensel Pokorney.
No. 2, L. F. 80, January, 1906. $2,272.20
C. E. Theobald.

Lots Nos. 1 and 2, in plan called "Rosslyn Farm" Robinson township. Plan Book Vol. 21, pages 92 and 93; fronting 66 15-100 feet on westerly side of a street called "Coshocton Road," and extending back 134 76-100 feet.

Samuel P. Curry, with notice to Henry Weinstock, Terre Tenant, and The Merchants Savings & Trust Company, Trustee in Bankruptcy.
No. 2, L. F. 90, January, 1906. $2,803.43
McIlvaine, Murphy & Jones.

Lot fronting 31 feet on northerly side of Maple street, 202 feet westwardly from northwesterly corner of Center and Maple streets, borough of Wilkinsburg, and extending back 118 feet, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling.

George McElroy.
No. 2, F. F. 91, January, 1906. $1,030.00
Brown & Stewart.

Lot No. 1, in subdivision of lot No. 102 in John E. Williams' plan, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 8, Page 309; beginning at a point on southwesterly side of Bigelow street, at line of lot No. 2, in said sub-division; thence along line of said street, in a northwesterly direction 25 feet, and still along same 73 feet to a point on property line; thence along said line 109 feet to line of lot No. 2; thence along said line of lot No. 2, 83 feet to Bigelow street, to the place of beginning, and having thereon a two-story and basement frame dwelling.

A. A. Johnson, Owner or Reputed Owner.
No. 2, L. F. 94, January, 1906, M. L. $1,355.15
Schoyer & Hunter.

All that certain two-story frame dwelling house, with finished attic, stone foundation and slate roof, front and back porches, the first floor of said house containing three rooms, side hall and pantry; the second floor containing four bed rooms and bath, and being erected on piece of land in Plum township, beginning at a stone on the Leechburg road, on line of land now of Katz and Elwood, adjoining land of Katz and Elwood; containing 1 97-100 acres.

Albert M. Jackson, with Notice to Daniel W. Wylie, Terre Tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 97, January, 1906. $708.75
C. A. Robb.

Lot fronting 20 feet on westerly side of Sheridan avenue, 89 feet southerly from southwest corner of Sheridan avenue and Rodman street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back 130 feet, and having thereon a two-story brick dwelling.

Daniel W. Wylie.
No. 2, L. F. 98, January, 1906. $571.35
C. A. Robb.

Lot of ground in Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, beginning on southwesterly corner of Sheridan avenue and Rodman street, fronting 54 feet on Sheridan avenue, and extending back 70 feet, and having thereon a two-story brick apartment house.

Francesco Andreinci and Donato Parauzino.
No. 2, F. F. 103, January, 1906. $90.02
E. J. Small.

Lots Nos. 87, 88, 89 and 90, in Riefer, Schiehl and Schuchart's plan, West Liberty borough, Plan Book Vol. 8, Page 53, and having thereon a two-story brick house, two frame dwellings, stable and other improvements.

Adele M. Bahl and Louis C. Bahl.
No. 2, F. F. 106, January, 1906. $481.55
Marcus W. Stoner.

Part of lots Nos. 41 and 42, in Adair and Diffenbacher's plan, borough of Emsworth, Plan Book Vol. 4, Page 226; beginning at northwest corner of Locust street and Superior avenue, and extending back along Superior avenue 102 feet, and having thereon a two-story frame house.

Joseph Rosing and Catherine (otherwise called Katherine) Rosing, his wife.
No. 2, L. F. 107, January, 1906. $613.33.
E. E. Cotton.

Lot No. 5, in John Sibert's sub-division plan, Lower St. Clair township, Plan Book vol. 21, page 59; fronting 20 feet on northerly side of Meadow street and extending back 100 feet to Siberts alley.

John P. McConnell.
No. 2, F. F. 108, January, 1906. $2,800.00
C. T. Moore.

Lot No. 9 in Andrew Lyon's First plan, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book vol. 7, page 37; fronting 20 feet on north side of Butler street and extending back 100 feet to a 20-foot alley.

Also, Lot No. 10, in said plan, said ward, fronting 20 feet on Butler street and extending back 100 feet to a 20-foot alley. And there being erected on the above described lots three brick dwellings.

James Burns, With Notice to Julia Donahue, Terre Tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 109, January, 1906. $217.65
John D. Brown.

Lot No. 30, in William M. Duncan's Plan, Thirty-fifth ward, Pittsburgh; fronting 25 feet on the southeasterly side of Brown street and extending back along a 20-foot alley, 132 65-100 feet to a 20-foot alley.

Samuel T. Barnes, With Notice to Sadie R. Brisbine, Terre Tenant.
No. 2 L. F. 111, January, 1906. $858.95
V. A. Powell.

Part of lot No. 783 in Plan of East McKeesport, borough of East McKeesport, Plan Book Vol. 14, page 156; fronting 30 feet on southwesterly side of Morelle avenue, and extending back 80 feet to a 14-foot alley; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Edward J. Schilke, with Notice to Sadie R. Brisbine, Terre Tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 112, January, 1906. $426.57
V. A. Powell.

Part of lot No. 782, in Plan of East McKeesport, borough of East McKeesport, Plan Book Vol. 14, page 156; fronting 30 feet on southeasterly side of Morelle avenue, and extending back 80 feet to a 15-foot alley; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Pietro Mendicino.
No. 2 L. F. 114, January, 1906, $194.45
H. M. Scott.

Lot No. 68 in Block No. 4, in Plan called "Crestas," North Versailles township, Plan Book Vol. 17, pages 102, 103 and 104; fronting 25 feet on northerly side of Gerard avenue, and extending back 105 81-100 feet; and having thereon a frame dwelling.

Catherine Holden.
No. 2, F. F. 114, January, 1906. $2,400.00
A. M. Thompson.

Lot. No. 15, in James Hare's plan, borough of Wilkinsburg; beginning at northwest corner of North street and Montier street; fronting 30 feet on Montier street and extending back along North street 115 feet; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

William Riley.
No. 2, F. F. 121, January, 1906. $196.33
W. E. Raiston.

Piece of land in Wilkins township, marked and known as Sub-division "B" of lot No. 7, in Plan of Duquesne Coal Company, Plan Book Vol. 3, page 229; containing 1 acre and 142 perches. Excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom the stone, coal and right to mine same.

Michael Minnough.
No. 2, L. F. 123, January, 1906. $897.54
Langfitt & McIntosh.

Lots Nos. 87, 88, 89 and 90, in block No. 11, in plan called "Crostas," North Versailles township, Plan Book Vol. 17, Pages 102, 103 and 104; fronting 100 feet on northwesterly side of Clyde avenue, and extending back 96 19-100 feet, and having thereon a two-story frame building.

Margaret Williams and Ira T. Williams.
No. 2, F. F. 124, January, 1906. $472.37
Dunn & Moorehead.

Lot No. 15, in William M. Claney's plan, borough of Bellevue, Plan Book Vol. 3, Page 274; fronting 43 63-100 feet on southerly side of Bryan avenue, and extending back along a private road 25 feet wide, 140 feet, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling with finished attic.

Ross S. McKim and Mary E. McKim, His Wife.
No. 2, L. F. 138, January, 1906. $4,873.46

Lot No. 18, in plan of the Third addition of Sheraden, borough of Sheraden, Plan Book Vol. 8, Page 3; fronting 50 feet on westerly side of a 40-foot street, and extending back 120 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling.

Abraham Stewart.
No. 2, L. F. 139, January, 1906. $829.10
Milliken & Cramer.

Lot No. 5, in sub-division of lot No. 394, in plan of Homestead Bank and Life Insurance Company, borough of Homestead, Plan Book Vol. 5, Pages 290 and 291; fronting 22 feet on Glenn street, and extending back along Oak alley 60 feet, and having thereon a frame dwelling and outbuildings.

Morrison Foster, deceased, in the Hands of Rebecca S. Foster, Executrix, with Notice to R. P. Rhodes, Owner.
No. 2, L. F. 140, January, 1906. $574.08
Reed, Smith, Shaw & Beal.

Lot fronting 40 feet on northerly side of Shade street, 186 36-100 feet from Union avenue, borough of Bellevue, and extending back 120 feet.

John A. Staud and Regina Staud, His Wife.
No. 2, F. F. 143, January, 1906. $670.55
W. S. Thomas & E. W. Arthur.

Lots Nos. 1 and 2, in Fairhaven place plan, Baldwin township, Plan Book Vol. 12, Pages 92 and 93; beginning on northwest corner of Fairhaven avenue and Coal alley, fronting 57 58-100 feet on Fairhaven avenue, and extending back along Cole alley 104 47-100 feet to Edith alley.

Also lots Nos. 315, 316 and 317, in Melrose plan, borough of Sheraden, Plan Book Vol. 13, Page 196; fronting 75 feet on southerly side of Sherman avenue, and extending back 100 feet to an alley.

Rudolph Schultz, with Notice to Paul Mitchell, Charles E. Shawl, August Lang, Jennie M. McCarley and Michael Quinn, Terre Tenants.
No. 2, L. F. 144, January, 1906. $1,384.44
R. C. Duncan.

Lot No. 9, in Joseph Blakeney's plan, Mifflin township, Plan Book Vol. 8, Page 6; fronting 473 20-100 feet on a 30-foot street, and extending back 182 23-100 feet. Excepting and reserving thereon lots Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19, in Rudolph Schultz's plan, Plan Book Vol. 17, Page 71.

Charles Raising.
No. 2, F. F. 145, January, 1906. $1,578.25
and F. F. 146, January, 1906. $1,578.25
W. P. Carter.

Lot fronting 26 feet 4 inches on easterly side of Peebles street, 24 feet 4 inches, southwest from South avenue, Third ward, borough of Wilkinsburg, and extending back 75 feet, and having thereon a nine-room brick dwelling.

Also lot fronting 26 feet 4 inches on easterly side of Peebles street, 75 feet southwest from South avenue, said ward, Jenkins and Jane S. Jenkins, the only said borough, and extending back 75 feet, and having thereon a nine-room brick dwelling.

George Asselmeyer, with notice to Elcanor C. Miller and J. J. Miller, terre tenants.
No. 2, L. F. 147, January, 1906. $1,483.13
William M. Price and W. C. McClure.

Lot No. 11 in plan of Adam Wiese, trustee, Thirteenth ward, Allegheny; fronting 25 08-100 feet in Fleck street, formerly Ravine street, and extending back 123 91-100 feet to a 40-foot street, and having thereon a 2-story frame house.

H. L. Hunt, with notice to Lula D. Hunt, terre tenant.
No. 2, F. F. 148, January, 1906. $6,084.30

Lot No. 49 and part of lot No. 48, in E. G. Mooney's plan, Twentieth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 14, page 160; fronting 102 74-100 feet on easterly side of College avenue and extending back 60 45-100 feet to Spahr street, and having thereon a 2-story stone dwelling with finished attic.

Ebenezer E. Miller.
No. 2, F. F. 152, January, 1906. $1,206.62
Dunn & Moorhead.

Part of lot No. 9, in John Gass, Sr., plan, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, Plan Book Vol. 6, page 76; fronting 22 feet on westerly side of Reuben avenue, and extending back 120 feet to McClure avenue, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

John F. Young.
No. 2, F. F. 152, January, 1906. $1,973.95
Matthew Lowrie.

Lot No. 132, in plan called "Melrose" borough of Sheraden, Plan Book Vo.. 13, page 196; fronting 25 feet on easterly side of Elwood avenue and extending back 95 72-100 feet, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Henry T. Ellis.
No. 2, L. F. 154, January, 1906. $1,224.20
Charles S. Wise.

Lots Nos. 160 and 161 in Bowes, Chapman Terrace plan, Mifflin township, Plan Book Vol. 18, page 42; beginning at southeasterly corner of Bowes avenue and High street, fronting 57 80-100 feet in Bowes avenue, and extending back along High street 106 39-100 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon two 2-story frame dwellings.

John F. Bergman.
No. 2, V. E. 155, January, 1906. $1,977.94
John M. Morrison.

Lot 423 in plan called "Allison Park," Hampton township, Plan Book Vol. 8, pages 318 and 319; fronting 25 feet on easterly side of Kirk avenue and extending back 100 feet to a 13-foot alley.

Also lot No. 17 in Aspinwall Land Company's plan, borough of Aspinwall, Plan Book Vol. 9, pages 84 and 85; fronting 33 feet on north side of Freeport avenue and extending back along the formerly eastern borough line, 161 15-100 feet to an alley.

John Harding (also known as John F. Harding) and John C. Riffle, doing Business as Riffle and Harding.
No. 2, V. E. 156, January, 1906. $207.00
Dunn & Moorehead.

Lots Nos. 14 and 15, in Albert J. Eicheulaub's plan of sub-division of lots Nos. 400, 401 and 402, in Driving Park plan No. 2, Versailles township, Plan Book Vol. 20, Page 79; beginning at a point at southeasterly corner of lot No. 13, in said plan, and southerly side of Park way; thence southwardly along dividing line between lots Nos. 13 and 14, in said plan, 100 feet; thence eastwardly 118 feet to California avenue; thence eastwardly along California avenue 128 74-100 feet to Park way; thence westwardly 36 93-100 feet along Park way to place of beginning.

John Nanstiel.
No. 2, V. E. 157, January, 1906. $83.75
James Fitzsimmons.

Lot No. 332, in Beechwood Improvement Company's plan, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 17, Pages 12, 13, 14 and 15, fronting 28 35-100 feet on northwesterly side of Lang avenue, and extending back 133 94-100 feet.

Oliver Monaco.
No. 2, L. F. 158, January, 1906. $962.40
George F. Murray.

Lot No. 75, in Lucien L. Gilbert, trustee, Plan, South Fayette township, Plan Book Vol. 13, page 194; fronting 75 feet on Campbell street, and extending back on northerly side 55 feet and on southerly side 128 feet; and having thereon a 2-story frame house and outbuildings.

William H. Lafferty and Jessie C. Lafferty, his wife.
No. 2, L. F. 159, January, 1906. $1,725.15
George F. Murray.

Piece of land in Plum township, beginning at a post on the Puckety road, and bounded by said road, land of Michael Dieble, land of Frederick Kiefer, land of Black's heirs and land of Daniel Stotler; containing 24 acres and 2 perches, and having thereon a 2-story frame house, frame barn and outbuildings.

Frank Callahan and Agnes Callahan, his wife.
No. 2, L. F. 33, January, 1906. $2,848.12
Kennedy, Smith & McVicar.

Lot fronting 107 31-100 feet on Penn avenue, 44 12-100 feet eastwardly from the corner of Penn avenue and Monteer street, borough of Wilkinsburg, and extending back 105 feet, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

H. E. Jones.
No. 2, V. E. 160, January, 1906. $300.36
Reed, Smith, Shaw & Beal

Lot No. 160, in plan called "Valley View," Scott township, Plan Book Vol. 11, Page 186; fronting 40 feet on Nellie street, and extending back 100 feet to an alley.

Also lots Nos. 160 and 161, in East Pittsburgh and Braddock plan, borough of North Braddock, Plan Book Vol. 16, Page 158; fronting 48 feet on southwesterly side of Brinton avenue, and extending back 100 feet to Hickory alley.

Herman R. Neubert, now deceased, with Notice to Emma A. Neubert, Administratrix, and Emma A. Neubert, his Widow, Herminie Kramor (nee Neubert), and The Mercantile Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., Guardian of Emma and Walter Neubert, minor Children of Herman R. Neubert, deceased.
No. 2, L. F. 161, January, 1906. $414.50
C. C. Lewis.

Lot No. 6, in Summit View plna, Thirty-seventh ward, Plan Book Vol. 11, Page 32; fronting 25 feet on southerly side of Summit street, and extending back 110 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling.

George W. Corns and Lucinda H. Corns, His Wife.
No. 2, L. F. 162, January,

THE PHANTOM TORPEDO BOAT

Being the Secret History of the Russo-Japanese War.

By "A. V."

Author of "Underground History: the Revelations of an International Spy."

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(Continued from Yesterday.)

Had the commander of the other submarine noticed mine, and did he suspect my intention to frustrate his design? It almost seemed so. His boat, scarcely visible in the gloom, fled in front of me to where the foremost fishing boats were riding lazily over the shoals, dragging their nets along the bottom.

It was a weird chase. Neither of us showed a glint of light, or made the smallest sound. Like two great shadowing fish we darted through the depths of the sea, hunter and hunted.

In between the sagging nets, with their load of cod and flounders, shot the phantom boat I was pursuing, and I followed, obliged to slacken speed as we twisted in and out under the keels of the unconscious fishermen.

And all this time the huge warships in two lines astern were plunging through the seas, heading straight for the unfortunate fishermen.

The chase seemed to be aware that it was a case of now or never. I was catching up with it fast; I was able to mark its course by the broken water churned by its propellor, when, all at once I saw it rise with the swift motion of a bird.

I had no alternative but to do the same.

As I emerged upon the surface I found my boat in the very center of the full glare of a search light which lit up the whole scene with dazzling radiance.

Fresh from the depths below, where all had been dark, my eyes fairly blinked in the sudden splendor of light.

Then, for what might have been from three to five seconds, I saw everything that passed.

The foremost vessels of the Russian fleet had already gone past the group of drifting trawlers. One large cruiser was passing within a stone's throw of the nearest fishingboat, and the English fishermen were playfully holding up some of their freshly-caught fish, as though offering it to the Russian sailors.

Another line of warships was coming up behind with its search lights thrown out in front.

And then, right across the range of lights and in a straight line between the Russian battleships and the English smacks, I saw the phantom torpedo boat pass deliberately, as high out of the water as she could show.

What happened next took place so swiftly, and with such confusion that I cannot pretend to describe it with accuracy.

Shouts rang out on some of the Russian ships, the submarine headed around as though to seek refuge among the trawlers, and then a gun was fired, and a cannon ball struck the water within a few feet of me.

All at once, it seemed to me, and as though by some preconcerted plan, half the ships of the Baltic fleet opened fire on the English fishermen, who seemed too surprised and horrified to do anything. I saw ball after ball crash into the luckless smack, which quickly began to fill and sink. But, generally speaking, the marksmanship of the Russians was too wild for the firing to have serious effect.

As soon as I realized that I had become a mark for the Russian guns I sank beneath the surface. It is no doubt this voluntary move on my part which has given rise to the belief cherished by some of the officers of the Baltic fleet, and indorsed by Admiral Rojestvensky, that a torpedo boat was sunk by their fire.

But I knew that the Massacre—for it was nothing less—would go on as long as the other submarine remained on the surface, mixing among the luckless fishing boats with the deliberate intention of drawing on them the Russian fire.

I marked her course, put my engines to their fullest speed once more, and rushed after her.

This time my coming was not watched by the hostile commander. Like Admiral Rojestvensky, he may have believed that my boat had been sunk by the ball which had come so close. Or else, perhaps, in his exultation at having brought about an event which seemed to make war inevitable, he had forgotten his former fears.

But the truth will never be known.

I brought my own boat right under the demon craft, and then, tilting her up at a sharp angle, rammed the other in the center of her keel.

There was a concussion, a muffled sound of tearing iron, and as I backed away at full speed astern, I saw the water of the North sea pour through a long jagged rent in the bottom of the doomed submarine, and watched her go down staggering like a wounded vulture through the air.

The shock of the collision had brought Orloff and the rest of my crew running aft.

"An accident," I explained coolly. "I have sunk some other boat in the dark."

The men exchanged suspicious glances.

"It was the other submarine, sir," said Orloff, still preserving his respectful tone. "Will you permit us to see whether it is possible to save any of the crew?"

"Do as you please," I returned, leaving the helm. "My work here is done, and I am ready to go back."

I intended them to think I referred to the attack on the fishing boats. The cannonade died away as I spoke.

We wend down through the water to where the wrecked submarine was lying half over on her side. Some frightened faces peered at us out of the upper portholes, where a supply of air still lingered.

It was impossible to do anything for them down there without being swamped ourselves. We could only invite them by signs to forsake their own craft and let us carry them up to the surface where it would be safe for us to take them inside.

In order to receive them on our upper deck we circled slowly around to the opposite side of their vessel. And there I beheld a sight which will haunt me for years to come.

The whole side of the submarine had been wrenched open, revealing the interior of the cabin. And on the floor, lying in the peaceful attitude of one who has just resigned herself to sleep, I beheld the drowned form of the beautiful, desperate, perhaps wicked, but unhappy woman from whose love I had fled.

So in the midst of the wild North sea, in their strange coffin, the bones of Sophia, Princess Yernoloff, lie and rock on the incessant tides that sweep across the Dogger bank.

Re-Bisecat in pace!

As our boat, laden with the rescued survivors, shot up again to the surface, I felt a noosed rope drawn tightly around my throat and heard the voice of Orloff hiss in my ear,

"I arrest you in the name of the kaiser."

CHAPTER XXXIV.

The Family Statute.

My task is done. At last the reader knows all that will ever be known—all there is to know, in short—concerning the tragedy of the North sea.

My personal adventures can possess little interest after the all-important transactions I have had to describe. But in case there should be a reader here and there who is good enough to feel any curiosity as to my fate, I will briefly tell what followed on my arrest.

My revolver was taken from me and I was conducted under a strict guard back to Kiel.

Off the mouth of the canal we were boarded by a dispatch boat, flying the German naval ensign, and a police officer with three men took me off the submarine.

The first proceeding of my new captor was to handcuff me. He then warned me,

"If you speak a single word to me or any one else till you are in the imperial presence, my orders are to shoot you through the head."

I nodded. I had as little wish to speak as the emperor could have to let me. My thoughts were busy with the memory of the woman whose tragic death I had been the unwitting cause, and with the measures that remained to be taken to extenuate, so far as extenuation was possible, the fatal action of the Baltic fleet.

(To be Concluded Tomorrow.)

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN THE CHURCHES

Day Will Be Fittingly Observed by Special Sermons and Musical Offerings.

CHILDREN TO BE PROMINENT

A splendid burst of song and joy will be the Christmas celebration in the Christian churches of Pittsburgh and vicinity tomorrow. The Christmas spirit will everywhere be exemplified, and in song and sermon the beautiful story and significance of the nativity will be told. Coming on the day previous to the holy day itself, the opportunity is an exceptional one for the churches to celebrate, and unusual preparation for the event has been made. Christmas sermons and Christmas music will be made use of to properly commemorate the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, and to recall the real meaning of the day. In many of the churches Christmas cantatas will be rendered, either on Christmas eve or Christmas night, and in these the children will participate.

At the Fourth Avenue Baptist church, special Christmas services will be held both in the morning and evening. The Sunday school will attend the latter service in a body when the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Warren G. Partridge, will give an illustrated talk on "Christmas Thoughts on the Life of Christ."

Both in the church and in the Sunday school Christmas exercises will be held at the North Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Allegheny. A Christmas sermon by the pastor, C. W. Blodgett, with carols by the choir, will be given in the morning, the Sunday school Christmas service will follow at 2 o'clock, and in the evening an orchestral and vocal sacred concert will be given. On Monday evening at Carnegie hall, the Sunday school festivities will be held, when 180 members of the school will take part in a Christmas cantata.

Chorus Choirs to Sing.

On both Sunday and Monday evenings the Sunday school of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Episcopal church, Charles street, Allegheny, will render the cantata "Immanuel," consisting of the prophesy and advent of the coming of Christ. The cantata will be under the direction of C. E. Smith.

The Christmas cantata, "The Nativity," will be given at 7:15 tomorrow evening at the Second Presbyterian church, Eighth street, by a chorus of 60, with Miss Gertrude Clark, soprano, as soloist. This will be the first rendition of the work in Pittsburgh. It will be under the direction of Tali Esen Morgan.

A choir of 50 voices under the direction of Prof. Gardner, with Miss Beatrice Barnett, Mrs. G. M. McGinnis and W. R. Gardner, as special soloists, will render a program of Christmas music at the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Collins avenue and Station street, for tomorrow's services.

Preparations for the celebration of Christmas day in the Catholic churches of the Pittsburgh diocese have been completed. The most elaborate of these services will be conducted in the temporary cathedral, Epiphany church, Washington street. Here Bishop Canevin will be the celebrant of solemn pontifical mass. After the pontifical mass, masses will be said at the even hours until 11 a. m., when the day's religious services will have ended. Special music will be rendered by the regular choir.

The Christmas exercises at the Avalon Presbyterian church will have a double significance, as the church, just completed, will be dedicated on Sunday. The dedication will take place at the morning service, when in addition to an elaborate musical program, the history of the church will be given by the Rev. Dr. C. H. Dunlap, who will also conduct the dedicatory exercises. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. D. S. Kennedy.

Rabbi Levy to Lecture.

The eighth lecture in the present course of Sunday services under the auspices of the Reform Congregation, Rodeph Shalom, will be given in Carnegie hall, Allegheny, Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy will deliver a lecture on "The Loving Mother."

Under the direction of O. D. Forney, chorister, special musical programs will be rendered both at the morning and evening service at the Smithfield Street Methodist Episcopal church.

A Christmas jubilee service will be held at the Alvin theater at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when the annunciation, the nativity and the adoration of the wise men from the Oberammergau Passion play of 1900, will be reproduced. Christmas music will be rendered by an orchestra, with solos by Minnie C. Davis, contralto. Dr. S. Edward Young will give an address on "What Means Christmas."

At the Young Men's Christian association headquarters, Penn avenue and Seventh street, the Rev. William J. Reid will conduct a Sabbath School Teachers' meeting at noon today. Tomorrow afternoon at 4, a service in memory of Sir George Williams, founder of the Y. M. C. A., will be held. H. Kirke Porter, chairman of the board of trustees, will preside. H. J. Heinz and the Rev. Dr. E. M. Wood, who were present in London at the time of the death and funeral of the founder, will deliver addresses.

J. E. Wishart, professor of Hebrew in the Xenia (O.) Theological seminary, will occupy his brother's, the Rev. C. F. Wishart, pulpit, in the Eleventh United Presbyterian church, Termon avenue, Allegheny, tomorrow. He will preach both morning and evening. Prof. Wishart has been in charge of the chair of Hebrew at Xenia but a short time, going there from Passadena, Cal.

PREPARE FOR RUSH.

Traction Company Puts on Extra Cars to Accommodate Holiday Shoppers.

Anticipating an extraordinary turnout of Saturday shoppers the Pittsburgh Railways Company has made new schedules for every division of its system today. On the heavy hauling lines cars will run every five minutes or less all day and evening. With all large employers paying off their men yesterday and today railways officials figure that every available car will be put into use and the traffic will exceed that of July 4.

Beginning Monday a change will be made in the routing of Liberty avenue cars downtown. Liberty and Highland park cars now go up Grant street to Water street from Seventh avenue and along Wood to Liberty avenue. On and after Monday these cars and the Liberty and Lincoln cars will run down Wood street to Water street to Grant street to Seventh avenue to New Grant street and thence out Liberty avenue. The change was made to accommodate many East End people who traveled on the Liberty and Highland park line and who objected to walking down town from Grant street.

Lieut. Drury Starts South.

Lieut. Ralph P. Drury of the Allegheny arsenal, left last evening for Fort Thomas, Ky., where he will recuperate. He will be accompanied by his sister, who has been making her home at the arsenal for the past two months. Lieut. Drury says he has been suffering from nervous trouble due to overwork. He denies he has been worried over the death of William Crowley, and states he was in no way responsible for his death.

Jail Is Preferable to Driving Cattle

Preferring 30 days in jail to driving cattle, Wendeline Kurtz was granted his Christmas wish by Alderman Brinker yesterday. Kurtz had been sued by Humane Agent Stanley for beating and kicking a calf to death. He was fined $10 and costs. His employer, an Allegheny cattle dealer, was present and prepared to pay the fine, but Kurtz asked him not to, saying he would rather spend 30 days in jail than drive cattle. Alderman Brinker reminded Kurtz that he would have to spend Christmas and New Year in jail, the two days of all the year that most persons desire freedom, but Kurtz was firm and went to jail.

ELKS IN SOCIAL WHIRL; PREPARE FOR GRAND BALL

Members of Pittsburgh Lodge No. 11 Will Entertain January 4—Christmas Tree to Bloom in the Clubroom Evening of December 28.

Members of Pittsburgh lodge No. 11, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, are going to observe the holiday season in their own peculiar and individual way.

There is to be a Christmas tree. It won't be in flower on Christmas eve nor on Christmas day, but on December 28 it will be largely in evidence in the club house at 1940 Fifth avenue.

Pittsburgh Elks believe in celebrating Christmas at home on the real day, but thinking there might be a little surplus cheer, they have arranged to dress a tree on the date named. It will be free for women and children, and there will be a present for every child that comes to the club house. The women will be welcomed in the ladies' reception room and made to feel thoroughly at home. Ice cream, cake and other refreshments will be served. The entertainment will be characteristic of the Elks.

The Elks' social event of the season just beginning will be the full dress ball to be given at the club house by the members of Pittsburgh lodge January 4. It will be an invitation affair and music and other adjuncts will be in keeping with the reputation of the lodge. It will be the one of the big initial functions of 1906.

PITTSBURGH EQUIPS GREAT POWER PLANT

The Westinghouse Company Awarded Big Contract for Electric Machinery.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania equipment is to be installed in the first of the nine big hydro-electric plants to be built on the Catawba, a river in North Carolina, by the Southern Power Company, for generating electrical energy for operating cotton mills.

The initial plant will have a capacity of 40,000-horsepower. It will be erected at Great Falls, near Charlotte. The company has secured the rights over 60 miles of the Catawba river. The first projected plant will operate under a head of 175 feet. The Southern Power Company is capitalized at $7,500,000.

It was decided today that the contract for all the electrical equipment is to be given to the Westinghouse people. There will be eight generators of 3,200 kilowatts capacity each. Westinghouse transformers will also be installed. Five of the generators are to be arranged for direct connection to turbines of the Escher-Wyss type to be built at the Scranton shops of the Allis-Chalmers Company. Delivery of all the machinery is to be executed within the coming year. The Westinghouse people underbid the General Electric Company for the supply of the electrical equipment.

An officer of the company said tonight that before completion of the development work the company expects to have a total capacity of nearly 150,000-horsepower, which will be utilized mainly for driving cotton mills in both the Carolinas.

ONE-ACT PLAY AT BELASCO.

W. H. Thompson Appears in Brief Sketch as Curtain Raiser for "The Bishop."

Whether the story that is told as to the history of Clay M. Greene's little playlet, "For Love's Sweet Sake," be true or not, it adds piquancy to the little drama. It is said the play was originally intended to be submitted to the three leading players of three countries in succession. Coquelin, John Hare and Joseph Jefferson were to be each given a chance to act the father in this Christmas idyll. The piece really had its first presentation at "A Gamboi of the Lamba" in New York, and W. H. Thompson thought so well of it that he took it down to Proctor's and put it into vaudeville. Last night at the Belasco theater Mr. Thompson revived the sketch and in company with Thomas H. Ince, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Carroll, interested a thoroughly appreciative audience for 20 minutes by its blending of sentiment and pathos.

The play is, barring a slight tendency to hysterics at one point, a very capital little dramatic morsel. A father who has been away from home for five years in search of health, returns home with high anticipations at the prospect of meeting a beloved son, the idol of his life since the death of the boy's mother. The meeting is an affectionate one, but the keen eye of the father detects that there is something wrong. He finally forces the confession from the son that there is a shortage in his accounts and he is on the eve of arrest. Grief-stricken, the father attempts suicide and this act wrings from the boy the further facts that he is innocent but that the husband of the girl he loved, still loves, is guilty and that he has confessed and will go to prison to protect this woman from the shame of her husband's wrong-doing.

The little story doesn't stand on a very firm foundation from the standpoint of reasonable probability, but Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ince give such finely realistic impersonations to the principal roles that the effect on the whole is striking and more or less convincing. Mr. Thompson played the father with distinction. His joyous spirit at the Christmas home-coming, his paternal pride and love and, later, his despair and anguish, were all strongly and intelligently set forth. It is one of those humanly clever and artistic things that Mr. Thompson has a habit of doing. Mr. Ince must be praised for a very excellent piece of supporting work, indeed, one could hardly pick out two men who would do this little dramatic episode better. Young Master Carroll gave a few minutes' character portrayal as the messenger boy that was also good. The double bill will be repeated at the matinee and tonight.

CHARLES M. BREGG.

The Belasco Holidays.

The Belasco theater management has surely made excellent preparation for the holiday season, as both the attractions announced for Christmas and New Year's week are of an exceptionally high order. "Monna Vanna" will be the Christmas week attraction, with Madame Bertha Kalich as the star, this being her first Pittsburgh appearance as an English-speaking actress. Opening with a special matinee New Year's day for an engagement of one week, "The Press Agent" will be seen with Peter F. Dailey in the title role. It is said to be one continuous scream of merriment from beginning to end.

C. L. DOYLE MAKES A CHANGE.

Becomes Secretary of the Pickands-Magee Coke Company, Leaving the Real Estate Business.

A business change which will interest the younger element in affairs in Pittsburgh is the one that C. L. Doyle will make on January 1, when he will become the secretary of the Pickands-Magee Coke Company. The company is developing a large coking plant in the Connellsville region.

Pickands-Brown company of Chicago are interested in the Pittsburgh company. W. C. Magee, who was with the H. C. Frick Coke Company, is the president of the company, and Mr. Doyle was at one time also connected with the H. C. Frick Coke Company. For the past five years, however, he has been secretary of the George Brothers Real Estate Company. He is a well-known club man, being an official of the Edgeworth club.

SWITCH FIGURES TO HIDE LOSSES

Insurance Co.'s Profit in One Department Make Up Deficiencies in Others.

OFFICIALS ARE DECEIVED

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Additional testimony as to the management of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was adduced today before the legislative committee on insurance investigation, tending to show that the company used profits from the sale of securities to conceal real estate losses.

Francis Hendricks, superintendent of the state insurance department, yesterday said he had never heard of such a thing and that it had never been called to his attention. Today, after auditors of the Mutual Life had testified to this as a fact, Mr. Vanderpoel, chief examiner of the department, declared that he had never discovered the matter in his examination of the company last year when in his report he gave the company what is a certificate of "good character." He said these manipulations of the figures were not apparent in the books.

These transfers of profits to the debit side of the profit and loss account were made by the auditors upon instruction of President McCurdy and Vice President Grannis and the written instructions were produced. They named the figures that adjusted the accounts and last year, while there was really a profit of almost a million and a half dollars, when these transfers were made no profit whatever was shown.

Mr. Vanderpoel said he had examined the report of 1904 which showed no profits from the sale of securities. Although he knew this was untrue, he did not so report it, because he did not think it was necessary. The same situation existed in the New York Life, according to Mr. Vanderpoel.

Mr. Vanderpoel never knew of the year end loans of the Metropolitan Life to Vermilye & Co., and never knew how the company handled its collateral loans. He said he never, in an examination of a company, went back of its ledgers.

Stephen M. Smith, second assistant treasurer of the Mutual Life, produced a statement of the first profits of the company from the sale of securities in the past 10 years up to September 30, 1905. This showed a net credit to the profit and loss account of $12,826,429.

Charles F. Fedler, auditor of the Mutual, testified that it was the custom to reduce the book values of real estate and charge the reduction to profit and loss, by instruction of the president or vice president.

Mr. Vanderpoel said that in a report on the Mutual reserve in 1899 he criticised the company. The company objected to these criticisms and when the report was published the objectionable portion had been eliminated. Louis F. Payne was superintendent of insurance in 1899.

The committee adjourned over Christmas and will resume its investigation next Wednesday. Sessions then will be held up to and including Saturday, which will be the last day of the investigation.

SMALLPOX AT AMBRIDGE.

Health Officer Wires to State Commissioner for Instructions.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—State Health Commissioner Dixon received the following telegram this afternoon from Ambridge, Beaver county:

"Case smallpox. Girl, 7 years age. Foreigner. Thickly populated foreign center of town. Four days advanced. Been attending school. Quarantined house; placarded, roped off house. Placed guards; vaccinated parents and two children, also neighbors. Had school room dismissed after inspection. Please wire instructions.

"H. M. LAVELLE, M. D., Health Officer."

Typhoid Takes a Spurt.

Nineteen cases of typhoid fever, two of scarlet fever and three of diphtheria were reported to the Pittsburgh bureau of health yesterday.

KAUFMANN'S "THE BIG STORE"

OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 10

KAUFMANN'S "THE BIG STORE"

PRICES CUT-TO SPEED GIFT GOODS

READ as you run. Scan the items below at the breakfast table—in the car that brings you down town—while you lunch today—and every time you take a breathing spell in the intervals of your final Christmas shopping. Suggestions in bold type—details in smaller print—reduced price at the end of each section. We know when to let go, and today is "Let-go" Day for everything that has a special Christmas flavor. Take as many of the small packages with you as you can conveniently, and the 100 delivery wagons in service today will see to it that all the large packages get home in time for your Christmas purposes.

Men's Slippers— Romeo or Opera styles, in tan and black vici kid — regular price straight through the holiday season $1.50. What remain Today for 1.00 per pair.

Women's Slippers— Warmly lined, fur-trimmed, velvet top Slippers, in black or purple, with patent leather vamps, flat heels and turn soles. $2 values, cut Today to 1.37 pair.

Blacking Cases— Shoe Blacking Stands in solid oak, with carpet top and inside compartment for blacking brushes, etc., special Today at 75c.

Carpet Sweepers The celebrated Bissell's Crown Jewel, so easy on the carpet, so efficient in removing dirt, dust and lint, warranted for two years, price Today, 1.50.

Plate Racks— Solid oak Wall Racks, in pleasing effects, good size and secure plate-holders, for 49c.

Berry Spoons— Rogers Triple-plated Spoons with fancy handles that are just the thing for a New Year's Reciprocity present. Special Today at silverware counter for 50c.

Pipes— Finest Briar Pipes, made in France, with genuine amber straight stems, 1½ to 2 inches long, in beautiful plush cases—regular $2.50 values, all for 1.25.

Talking Machine Records— 10-inch Disk Records that will fit any disk machine touch low-water mark Today at two for 25c, single records, 13c.

Talking Machines— Most interesting feature in our Talking Machine Department on the Fourth floor Today is a machine that will pass for a $20 Christmas present and cost you only $7.50.

Hockey Skates— Union Hardware Co. key style Hockey Skates (No. 27½), hardened, polished and nickel-plated, all the regular $2.25 sizes, for boys, girls, men and women, Today only for 1.59.

Bath Robes— Luxurious Blanket Lounging Robes and double-faced Cloth House Coats, in soft all-wool materials ($10 grades elsewhere), for only 4.75.

Fine Sweaters— Our regular $4 Hand-knitted Intercollegiate Men's Sweaters, Shaker style or button front, V-shape, in white, navy, oxford or black—choice for 2.15.

Boys' Pants— $1 Knee Pants, in fine blue serge, lined throughout, also Bloomer Pants, sizes 2½ to 16 years, for 55c.

Fruit Knives— Rogers' Triple-plated Ware, with hollow fancy handles, sets of 6, in a neat box, cut Today to 2.50.

French Waistings— So many people are buying Waist Patterns for gift purposes that we are going to wind up the season Today with a 59c line of French Waistings in beautiful effects and wanted colors, for only 29c yd.

Cream Mohair— The dress goods counter offers as its final Christmas feature a line of 25c Cream English Mohairs, very lustrous, in the cream shade most called for. Today only 50c yd.

Petticoats— Regular $1 Moreen Petticoats, also pretty sateen garments in umbrella style, ruffle trimmed, for 75c.

Aprons— A late arrival of 35c and 40c Aprons, in beautiful hemstitched and embroidered effects, have overstocked us to such an extent that we will close out part of them at 25c.

Fine Screens— Dining room and office Screens, in weathered oak and Mission frame, filled with plain burlaps, with tapestry and burnt-wood panel tops, formerly $6.50, $10 and $12, choice Today for 5.00.

Manicure Articles— Lot of sterling silver Manicure Articles, with neatly engraved handles—were 75c, now 48c.

Lot of Games— Such standard Games and Novelties as Authors, American Battles, Historical Games, Flich, etc.—regular 15c games cut to 5c.

Pocket Ball— A most amusing game, complete set, with two balls, also Bradley's Cavalry of 50 men, both regular 50c goods, cut to 25c.

Magic Lanterns— Small ones with sets of three slides, regular 25c grade, cut to 10c.

Wagons, Horses, etc. Lot of Iron Horses, Ice Wagons and Flat Carts with iron horses attached, nicely painted, 25c values for 10c.

Railroads— Fine Mechanical Trains with complete outfit of tunnel, signal, telegraph pole, road crossings, etc., etc.—value $4.98, special at 2.98.

Dressed Dolls— Lot of fine ones in stylish garb, all good $1 values, special at 68c.

Toy Tea Sets— Regular 50c sets in pretty decorated china, cut Today to 25c.

Shopping Bags— A miscellaneous lot of Leather Shopping Bags that have sold for $1.50 and $1.75, now only 98c. (Main Floor.)

Beer Steins— Imported Steins with German silver covers, embossed designs, in blue, Flemish and colored decorations, $5.98 ones for 4.50; 48c ones for 36c, and 25c ones for 19c.

Decorated Vases— Fine Austrian China with floral and photo panel decorations and gold handles, at 25 per cent off the marked prices.

Jardiniers— Handsome ones on pedestals, rich blended coloring and superb floral decorations, $100 ones for 75.00; $29.50 ones for 22.50, $22.50 ones for 17.00, $19.87 ones for 15.00.

Hand-Painted China Hand-painted Chocolate Pots, Tea Pots, Sugar and Cream Sets, etc., in Limoges China, beautifully decorated with coin gold embellishments, at 25 per cent off marked prices.

Glass Trays— Crystal Glass Trays, round and square, handsomely decorated, with Carpathian silver rims and handles, at ¼ off marked prices.

Lamp Globes— Handsomely decorated Banquet or Reception Lamp Globes, all sizes — for 25 per cent off marked prices.

Bronze Figures— About 25 imported Bronze Figures that were 39c, 48c and 59c, all to be closed out at 24c.

Silk Petticoats— A welcome Christmas feature to many a last-minute shopper will be the line of rustling Taffeta Silk Petticoats, in black and colors, available Today at 4.50.

Babies' Shoes— Fine Soft Sole Shoes or Moccasins, in all colors to match the stockings, for 25c pair.

Babies' Shawls— Fine all-wool Shawls, also Hood Shawls and Cashmere Sacques, prettily embroidered—at 1.00.

Baby Bonnets— Pretty tight-fitting Bonnets, in silk hand-crochet work and velvet, all sizes, at 50c.

Bed Spreads— A miscellaneous lot of hemmed and fringed Spreads that have gotten slightly soiled while displayed on the counter, for 20 per cent off regular prices Today.

Table Napkins— All the choice patterns in Table Napkins which have gotten soiled by holiday handling will be cleared from the counters Today at Half Marked Prices.

Opera Bags— Quite a large assortment of pretty Silk Opera Bags, with choice of 12 different colors, worth 75c, at 39c.

Fans— Beautiful hand-decorated Fans with bone sticks and handles, that anybody can see are $1.25 Fans, for 89c.

Opal Sets— six-piece Opal Dresser Sets, consisting of two bottles, two trays, one powder box, one trinket box, in pretty floral decorations, for 98c.

Bedroom Slippers— Crochet Slippers, in all colors—men's, women's and children's sizes—75c values cut to 59c.

Toilet Sets— Ebonoid Toilet Sets, consisting of comb, brush and mirror, sterling silver trimmings. $1.35 values for 69c.

Waist Patterns— A lot of new ones, with embroidered bands for front, collar and cuffs and enough material to complete waist, really worth $1.25, for 75c.

Christmas Ribbons— White Satin Ribbon with holly printing, No. 2 width, in 10-yard bolts, cut from 39c to 29c.

Battenberg Scarfs— Beautiful hand-made Scarfs, with pure linen centers, size 29 x45 in.—regular $1.75 values for 1.39.

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes— Fancy imitation leather and decorated celluloid boxes, well worth $1, special at 59c.

Sofa Pillows— Charming Satin-covered 24-inch Pillows, in lovely Oriental and floral designs, change their $1.48 price Today to 59c.

Table Covers— All our Tapestry Table Covers, in heavy reversible cloths, also Oriental and two-tone effects, 1½ yds. square—formerly $1.50, $2 and $3, at two prices—98c and 50c. (Drapery Dept.)

Ink Stands— A lot of cute little imported Ink Stands with onyx bases—worth 50c and 75c, reduced to 25c. (Main Aisle.)

Toy Furniture — Fine enameled Children's Furniture, Mission Furniture and fine Willow Doll Carts and Carriages, 25 per cent off regular prices Today.

Doll Furniture— All kinds of pieces painted in bright red and gold, also in white enamel, regular 25c goods, cut to 10c.

Kimonos— We'll spread on a special table Today several dozen warm long $1 and $1.25 Kimonos, made of German Flannel, and mark them down to 50c.

Decorative Scarfs— Our entire line of fine silk and satin Piano Scarfs, Mantel Lambrequins, Tapestry Panels and Leather Scarfs in Indian Chief designs—formerly $2.50, $3, $4, $5, $6, $7.50, at just two prices Today—3.00 and 1.50 each. (Drapery Dept., Fifth Floor.)

BIG REDUCTIONS IN TOY DEPT. On White Enameled Toy Furniture, Desks, Mirror Dressers, Chairs, Rocking Horses, Dishes, Dressed Dolls, Doll Buggies, Doll Beds, Trunks, Satchels, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Etc.

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GOOD BOXING BOUTS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

COLLEGE AND NON-PROFESSIONAL SPORTING By RICHARD R. GUY.

SIX-ROUND DRAW AT ESPLEN CLUB

Jack Bruce and Young Rennekamp Furnish Good Sport in the Ring.

LIVELY BOUTS AT MONACA

The smoker given by the Esplen A. C. at the Esplen Turnverein last night was a decided success. A good attendance was present and the audience was satisfied with the sport. The main bout, between Young Rennekamp of McKees Rocks and Jack Bruce of Pittsburgh, went the limit of six rounds. The men fought at catch weights and Rennekamp had probably a few pounds advantage over Bruce. Rennekamp forced the fighting in the first round and had the advantage over Bruce, landing several good ones, in the fifth Patty Rennekamp grew wild and, rushing Bruce, dashed to the floor on his knees three times. Bruce cleverly evading the McKees Rocks boy's rushes. In the sixth honors were about even or a shade in Rennekamp's favor.

The preliminaries were between the Clinton twins of Pittsburgh; Kid Smith of Beaver Falls and Chick Thompson of McKees Rocks; Young Laundry of Esplen and Kid Smith. The last bout was fast and furious and roused the audience to a high pitch. Laundry went after his man and got him going in the first round. In the second Laundry felted Smith led both mitts and young Laundry landed a pretty uppercut, sending his man down for the count. It was the only knockout scored in the smoker.

BOXING BOUT STOPPED.

Burgess of Monaca Interferes to Prevent a Knockout Between Two Fast Fighters.

MONACA, PA., Dec. 22.—The boxing show held under the auspices of the Monaca Athletic club in Banks hall this evening was a huge success. The hall was filled and the sport was fast and lively at all times.

The star event of the evening, between Con Crowley of Monaca and Tony Ross of New Castle, was stopped in the third round by Referee Burgess, who stepped in to prevent a knockout. The affair was scheduled to go 10 rounds. The first round was apparently Crowley's, he having his man on the run most of the time. A complete reversal of the first was the second round. Ross had all the best of it, knocking Crowley down three times. The third time he was knocked down he took the count and then and clinched but as the bell rang. As the time came to the center of the ring for the third round Crowley's condition was apparent and the burgess stopped the bout.

The six-round bout at 125 pounds between Jack Young of New Castle and Tommy Devaney of Colonia went the full six rounds and was declared a draw. The men were evenly matched.

The final bout of the evening was to be a four-round bout between Harry Johnson of Monaca and Jimmy McBride of Pittsburgh. These two men did not appear and Bob Walters and Jimmy Mehan, both of New Castle, took their places. Walters was knocked out by Mehan in the third round.

BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL LOOKING FOR GAMES

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The champion Butler High school basketball team is fast drawing into shape under the direction of Dr. Ford Riley, the old University of Pennsylvania captain. The boys have been playing all summer and are not out of practice. The team will be greatly strengthened with Ralston at center, Ralston has entered on his freshman year and will play on the team this year.

At the meeting last night Baker was re-elected captain and was cautioned to play strictly to the rules. The team is again out for the championship of Pennsylvania and must defeat Ohio U. should it hope to bear from Pittsburgh, Braddock, Johnstown, Allegheny, Canton and all other High schools.

Anleur Beaten by North Sides.

The North Sides kept up their winning streak by defeating the strong Anleur five in an interesting game by a score of 25 to 20. The game was tied several times during the first half, which was 13 to 11 in favor of the visitors, but in the second half the North Sides showed their speed by only allowing the visitors eight points to the North Side's 18. McMurtry and Kilfress played the best game for the Anleurs, the former making several shots from the center of the floor, which brought applause from the crowd. The North Sides all showed up well, but the guard shoot-ing of Steuernagel, Hess and Nieman were the features. Line-up:

North Sides—25.		Anleur—20.
Steuernagel	F	McMurtry
Hess	F	Kinross
Nieman	C	Farr
Steingert	G	Callahan
Fritsch	G	Johnson

Field goals—Steuernagel 3, Hess 3, Nieman 4, Frisch 2, McMurtry 4, Kinross 4, Farr, Callahan 2. Foul goals—McMurtry 3. Scorer—Maeden. Referee—McMahon. Time—20-minute halves.

Foster Boys Get Only Two Points.

At Wilmerding last night the Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated the Foster A. C. five of Pittsburgh by the one-sided score of 59 to 2. In a preliminary game the Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. second team defeated the Foster second team, 32 to 13. Lineup:

Wilmerding—29.		Foster A. C.—2.
White	F	Anderson
Scott	F	Weaver
Weaver	F	Hickler
Graham	G	Trout
Rumpelt	G	Kelley

Field goals—Mason 4, White 3, Scott, Weaver 3, Graham, Ruprecht 2, Rickler. Foul goal—White. Referee—Seible. Time of halves—20 minutes. Substitution—Mason for Graham.

Foul Playing by Westminster.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Westminster tried to rough it up tonight, and, after repeated and flagrant fouls, Deevers was sent from the floor. Lineup:

East Liverpool—28.		Westminster—17.
Rigby	F	Lamble
W. Watkin	F	Deevers
Powell	C	Deevers
Lane	C	Patterson
T. Watkin	G	Marks

Field goals—Rigby 2, Powell 3, Lane, Cartwright, Deevers 2, Elliott, Patterson. Marks. Foul goals—T. Watkin 2, W. Watkin 2, Lane 10, Deevers 3, Lamble 4. Substitutions—Cartwright for W. Watkin; McLean for Deevers. Referees—Zang and McDonald.

Irwin Outplays the Duquesnes.

IRWIN, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Irwin tonight defeated Duquesne in the fastest game played here this season. Davis and McKeever doing the star playing for the locals. Lineup:

Irwin—32.		Duquesne—10.
Douglas	F	Harrington
Ackerman	F	Decourcey
Linn	C	Bissell
McKeever	G	Needham
Davis	G	Bond

Substitutions—Miller for Ackerman, Andrews for Douglas. Field goals—Dies 4, Davis, Bissell 3, Miller 2, Andrews 4, Harrington 2. Foul goals—Douglas 5. Referee—Fulton. Timekeeper—Irwin.

Grand View Pool Team Wins.

At the St. Clair pool room, South Side, Thursday night, the Grand View team of Mt. Washington defeated the St. Clair team 109 to 51. Scores:

Grand View—		St. Clair—	
Alston	32	Richard	1
Wolf	40	Butler	9
Dundon	30	Port	37
Total	102	Total	28

Scratches—Grand View 3, St. Clair 5.

Jimmy Dunn Refuses Whittaker.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Dunn today rejected the challenge of Jack Whittaker of Columbus, O. Dunn says he will not fight any more curtain-raisers, but is looking for trouble with men who have already made reputations. He also refuses to meet Jack Young of this city.

Shoot on Christmas Day.

Members of the Wilkinsburg Gun club will hold a Shoot on Christmas day at its grounds at Mikes Peak, near Verona. Valuable prizes will be awarded.

Wheeling $1.50 Sunday Excursion, Pennsylvania Lines, Two Trains.

Leave Pittsburgh Union station 6:50 a. m., Central time, or 8:20 a. m. train with parlor car. Excursion tickets good on both.

CLOSE GAME IN THE POOL LEAGUE

Demmels and Crescents, and Olympias and Glenwood Make the Balls Roll Hot.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Olympia	6	1	.857	Arlington	3	3	.500
Demmel	6	1	.857	Glenwood	3	3	.500
Vorwerck	4	2	.667	Lyceum	2	4	.333
Crescent	4	2	.667	Federal	2	4	.333
Primrose	4	2	.667	Lyceum	1	5	.167
Garfield	3	3	.500	Friendship	0	6	.000

Close games, as a rule, characterized the contests yesterday in the Allegheny County Pool league. The Demmels and the Crescents had it out nip and tuck on the Demmel tables, the home boys winning out by a score of 100 to 98. Clepper of the Crescents was the star. He made 56 balls, the highest score in the league last night. Hays and Aul were also in good shape, getting scores of 49 and 47. Cronin was a little off for the Crescents, or there might have been a different story. Mulhern also was off for the Demmels, getting only 18 balls. The Olympias retain their stand on top by beating Glenwood 100 to 96 in a game that was close all the way. Merriman and Gleason were the stars, getting 48 and 49 balls respectively. The Federals won their second game in succession and seem to have struck their gait. They defeated the Lyceum boys 100 to 86. Glass was the star, pocketing 48 balls. The champion Vorwercks downed the Primroses. The Garfields are at the 500 mark by defeating the Unions of Braddock, the score being 109 to 69. Barth and Carter between them made 90 balls, more than enough to win. The Arlingtons bettered their position by defeating the Friendships 100 to 58. The latter have still a game to win. The scores are:

Demmel—		Crescent—	
Mulhern	18	Kronin	16
Hays	49	Malloy	32
Aul	47	Clepper	56
Total	111	Total	104

Scratches—Demmels 14, Crescents 6. Referee—Miller. Scorer—Demmel.

At Glenwood— Glenwood—		Olympia—	
Merriman	48	Gleason	49
Meehan	23	Hipsel	27
Whittaker	16	Paul	28
Total	97	Total	104

Scratches—Olympias 4, Glenwood 7. Referee—McQuaide. Scorer—Ingram.

At Federal— Federal—		Lyceum—	
Smith	32	Hatch	39
Glass	48	Stroud	34
McCabe	24	Shanahan	25
Total	103	Total	99

Scratches—Federals 5, Lyceum 13. Referee—Jackson. Scorers—McLaughlin and Ruthsge.

At Primrose— Vorwerck—		Primrose—	
Ernest	38	Simon	19
Vorwerck	34	Sweeney	28
Elson	30	Ward	28
Total	102	Total	75

Scratches—Primrose 1, Vorwercks 2. Referee—D. R. Callahan. Scorer—D. W. Boss.

At Union— Union—		Garfield—	
Edwards	14	Weber	20
Tomlison	28	Birch	48
Seawald	34	Coates	44
Total	76	Total	112

Scratches—Unions 7, Garfields 10. Referee—Meredith. Scorer—Fisher.

At Friendship— Friendship—		Arlington—	
Moorehead	15	Parker	30
Frankhauzer	31	Miller	29
Cook	16	Rounds	32
Total	62	Total	191

Scratches—Friendships 4, Arlingtons 1. Referee—Ariodt. Scorer—Hesse.

All managers are hereby notified that the Crescents have added to their team the fifth player, and will line up as follows: Hill, Cronin, Malloy, Clipper and Salisbury, Salisbury being the new player. The Garfield team will in the future consist of Birch, Yohrling, Coates, Weber and Rampanelle, Wild resigning and Rampanelle taking his place. The two new players will be eligible to play Tuesday evening, December 26.

Coates of Garfield had 44 and made a continuous run of 20 balls, pulling the game out of the fire.

Merriman was high for the Glenwoods, hanging up 48 buttons.

Hatch of the Lyceums, and Miller for the Arlingtons each pocketed 39 balls.

Diocesan Pool League.

In the Diocesan Pool league last night the St. Charles team defeated the St. Joseph team by a score of 180 to 82. Roth and Green were the star players. Scores:

St. Charles—		St. Joseph—	
T. Gillig	34	Green	42
J. Immert	26	G. Gaus	20
J. Roth	49	E. Myers	20
Total	109	Total	82

Referee—Gaus. Scorer—A. Holler.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Indications Are That All Games Will Be Played Today on Muddy Grounds.

The Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Association Football league teams are scheduled to play today as follows: East Liverpool at McDonald, Braddock at Madison, Roscoe at Monongahela, Corry at Ambridge, Jeannette at Morgan. All these games should prove interesting. The indications are that the games will be played on soggy fields, and in this case the mud horses will be favored.

The Turtle Creek association football team would like to arrange a game with the Curry team of the league on January 27. Address Thomas Adamson, Jr., Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, Pa.

Sewickley Hangs Up Big Score.

The superb team work, speed and precision of Sewickley Y. M. C. A. team last night enabled them to defeat the strong Bellevue Y. M. C. A. team last night at Sewickley, 82 to 20. The home team had goal shooting down fine, and soon walked away from their opponents, Douglass being especially fast. Bole of Bellevue was the star of his team. Lineup:

Sewickley—82.		Bellevue—20.
Carroll	F	Barnes
H. Miller	F	Bole
Neely	G	Gunn
Douglass	G	Grier
R. Miller	G	Lyman

Field goals—Carroll 7, H. Miller 4, Neely 5, Douglass 16, R. Miller 4, Pierce 5, Barnes, Boe 7, Gunn 2. Foul goals—Carroll. Referee—McPherson. Time—20-minute halves. Substitutes—Pierce for R. Miller, R. Miller for H. Miller.

Henderson and Beell Fail to Meet.

Fred Beell, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, last night threw Archey Parker at the Academy in 10 minutes and 25 seconds. Parker was unable to cope with Beell. When the latter fastened his arms about Parker it seemed as though two large pythons had clutched him. Mart Henderson of Rochester, N. Y., was scheduled to go on with Beell, but there was a misunderstanding between the wrestlers, and Henderson would not go on. Henderson claimed he was to receive $25 to wrestle Beell. Harvey Parker, manager for Beell, claimed that was a mistake, as he offered Henderson $50 if Beell did not throw him in 15 minutes. This afternoon Christian Pfaffle will wrestle Fred Beell, and Joseph Schumacher and Charles Reinecke will wrestle Beell in the evening. Harvey Parker will wrestle Archey Parker tonight.

Bezenah Easily Beats O'Leary.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 22.—Andy Bezenah of Cincinnati tonight easily defeated Jack O'Leary of Milwaukee in an eight-round bout before the Badger Athletic club. Jack Dougherty of Milwaukee got the decision over Otto Siroff of Chicago in a six-round bout.

Prefer License to Councils.

Michael Gross, P. J. Murphy and Chris G. Falkenstein, members of McKeesport councils, will resign their seats on Monday. They are all in the liquor business, and prefer to leave councils rather than forfeit their licenses. C. M. Shear, a prohibitionist, will resign from the Elizabeth councils.

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PIN KNIGHTS GIVE EXHIBITION

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THE LATEST FROM THE ALLEYS

In an exhibition game on the Carrick alleys last night, the Carricks won two out of three games from the Willis team. Biel had high score, and all the other players were about equal for high average. Scores:

Carricks—				Willis' team—			
Tillman	177	156	146	Willis	166	152	155
Ahlborn	173	151	127	Biel	127	138	128
Fugman	130	142	150	Davis	158	165	120
Dieterle	140	127	145	Dixon	134	190	146
Pastorous	158	112	139	Clark	146	179	144
Totals	778	848	726	Totals	682	884	690

In the Liberty Valley league last night, on the Penn Avenue alleys, the Schenleys won all three games from the Hillsides, Loos had high score of 214, and P. Greb best average of 189 2-3. Scores:

Schenley—				Hillsides—			
Marshall	128	187	153	Leech	150	133	...
Loos	178	214	162	Halierson	138	182	150
T. Greb	201	139	179	Goeddell	145	144	147
Collins	131	185	152	Edwards	159	151	118
Hewitt	188	158	182	Marshall	141	158	161
				Alberts	...	...	157
Totals	823	813	829	Totals	731	768	783

In the two-men team match game on the Braddock alleys last night, the Seng brothers won five out of seven games from Votel and Wolf. Scores:

Votel	211	190	184	192	201	185	199
Wolf	177	182	171	182	176	180	178
Totals	388	372	355	374	377	365	378
W. Seng	157	181	184	183	163	159	192
A. Seng	202	211	227	193	162	214	213
Totals	360	392	411	351	345	373	404

The Sterlings defeated the Maplewoods two out of three games last night on the Casino alleys, Wilkinsburg. Thier had high score of 199 and high average of 177 2-3. The feature of the game was the high score of 915 bowled by the Sterlings in the second game. This score is the highest bowled on the Casino allays. Scores:

Sterlings—				Casino—			
I. Thier	180	199	154	Kirley	167	181	128
Fullerton	132	148	133	Burns	179	168	145
McCormick	135	195	193	Houk	154	125	122
Swissheim	156	176	181	Hepner	145	143	119
Stottler	122	138	148	Downing	154	163	147
Totals	735	915	789	Totals	799	790	692

On Adams alleys, on Mt. Oliver, last night, the Knoxville Country club defeated the Lincoln National bank team of the Bankers' league two out of three games. Ordinary scores were made, but all games were interesting just the same. All the players put up an equal average. Scores:

Knoxville—				Lincoln—			
Brann	151	127	155	Lachner	182	116	120
Rickenbach	138	124	122	Crawford	139	84	185
Greeley	129	153	165	Colbaugh	154	110	115
Kuckert	124	142	145	Johnson	141	123	125
Charles	142	145	129	Davis	144	138	150
Totals	684	691	716	Totals	760	591	694

IRWIN, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Irwin Bowling club and the Turtle Creek club of the Monongahela section played the third game of their series last night. As each team had won a game this contest drew an immense crowd. Wright of the Irwin team was high man with 227, and he also had highest average of 168. The visitors did not play up to their usual form and lost each game. Scores:

Irwin—				Turtle Creek—			
Tray	161	144	154	Monk	107	118	147
Sullivan	143	156	125	R. Stewart	128	196	96
Quinlan	133	134	130	Montgomery	144	139	161
Hawkins	159	81	127	Wilson	124	145	143
Wright	162	227	114	J. Stewart	154	135	129
Totals	724	742	659	Totals	654	733	676

In the Dispatch duckpin league, yesterday afternoon, on the Wylie Avenue alleys, the Orchids won two out of three games from the Blackfeet, and thereby are the champions for the first series. In the second contest the Hurons lost all three games to the Mohawks. The games and scores are as follows:

Orchids—				Blackfeet—			
Davies	83	89	88	Moore	85	82	64
Rankin	108	63	85	W. Wiard	89	81	85
Scott	89	77	99	McDonnell	76	99	81
Hart	71	76	61	McDowell	89	99	88
Winters	83	104	101	Penn	80	93	89
Totals	434	414	425	Totals	419	454	407
Hurons—				Mohawks—			
Kirkham	96	77	82	B. Wiard	85	81	120
Wright	80	69	71	Hunter	92	76	96
Flaherty	78	76	66	Burrell	106	83	75
Griffin	75	75	72	Murphy	73	76	79
Pfeuffer	74	75	75	Murray	79	89	79
Totals	406	375	366	Totals	423	405	437

John Wolf and John Miller have joined the Bloomfield team and will be eligible to bowl on December 30. Mr. Eveaton has joined the Friendship team and will be eligible to bowl at the same date.

There is great interest taken in the prize bowling on the Wylie avenue bowling alleys. Weber is high for first prize with 205. Newcomer second with 229, and Sol is third with 200. In the duckpin contest B. Wiard is high with 120, and Wiard is second with 118, Zimmerman is third with 114.

COLUMBIA HOCKEY TEAM BEATEN BY THE CRESCENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—For the second time this year the hockey team of the Crescent Athletic club defeated the seven of Columbia university. The game was played tonight in the Clermont avenue rink, Brooklyn. The final score was 7 goals to 1. The first half ended 3 to 0 in favor of the New Moon players. Lineup:

Crescent—7.		Columbia—1.
McKenzie	G	Easton
O'Flynn	P	Willis (McBeth)
Wall	C P	Jackson
Nichol	F	Brady
O'Rourke	F	Dederer
H. Wall	F	McKenzie
Dobbyn	F	Miller

Referee—Mr. Ritchie, Brooklyn Skating club. Umpires—Messrs. Spence and Peck, Columbia. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Pittsburgh Lyceum an Easy Winner.

The Pittsburgh Lyceum defeated the D. L. & G. A. team last night by the score of 51 to 24. The feature of the game was the all-around playing of the Lyceum team. Lineup:

Lyceum—51.		D. L. & G. A.—24.
Yeager	F	Lawrence
Kramer	F	Lawrence
Hydes	C	Flaherty
McInery	G	Kenny
Geisler	G	Earle

Field goals—Yeager 8, Hydes 7, Kramer 3, O'Donnell, McInery, Geigler 2, Lawrence 2, J. Lawrence 2, Kenney 5, Flaherty 2, Sarle. Foul goals—Yeager 6. Referee—Deasy.

Thomas Goes to Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—It was announced today that Charles H. Thomas, who has been assistant treasurer of the New York National league baseball team for the last five years, has been selected as assistant secretary of the Chicago National league club.

PITTSBURGH'S CRACK SHOT AT TARGETS

Lew Fleming in Five Years Swings at the Top of the Trap Shooters' List.

L. B. Fleming of this city, whose picture appears on this page, is a well-known trap shot throughout the United States. Being in very poor health during the summer of 1896, Mr. Fleming took up the sport of trap shooting for outdoor sport and recreation, but made slow progress until the spring of 1900, when he came to the front at a rapid gait. In May of that year, during the Pennsylvania state shoot held at Chambersburg, he won first amateur average, breaking 577 out of 615 targets, an average of nearly 94 per cent.

The following year, at Allentown, Pa., he again landed first average at the Pennsylvania state shoot, breaking 699 out of 750 targets, beating every amateur and professional shot in the tournament. The following month Mr. Fleming won high average at the West Virginia state shoot. During the season he shot 17 tournaments and won 11 first averages.

In 1903 he won second average at the Pennsylvania state shoot and first amateur average of the United States for the entire year. In 1903 he again captured high amateur average of the United States. At York, Pa., in May, 1904, he won first amateur average at the Pennsylvania state shoot in a field of nearly 100 contestants.

Mr. Fleming is holder of the bronze medal emblematic of the target championship of Western Pennsylvania, and has never lost a contest for same.

At the Pennsylvania state shoot, held at Bruhots Island last May, Fleming, in company with Ed. Hickey of Millvale, won the two-man team championship of the state, with the highest score ever recorded for the trophy.

During the past six years Mr. Fleming has shot in 16 different states and nearly 100 towns, a total of 70,000 shots, and maintained a general average of over 90 per cent. He does not believe in live bird shooting at the trape, and confines himself to the clay targets.

PROMINENT SWIMMER DIES IN QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, Dec. 22.—The death is announced of G. B. Klerin, the Australian champion swimmer, who made notable records during his recent visit to Europe.

Klerin, who was but 19 years old, came into prominence in 1904 when he easily outclassed all open water swimmers. He held all the world amateur records from 350 yards to one mile, excepting the 880 and 1,000 yard figures, which are held by J. A. Jarvis of England.

Butler Beaten at New Bethlehem.

NEW BETHLEHEM, PA., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—In a fast and interesting game of basketball the undefeated five of New Bethlehem defeated Butler last night in the best game played here this season. The fine playing of the Kummer boys was the feature of the game. Lineup:

New Bethlehem—34.		Butler—28.
W. Leach	F	A. Kummer
Brown	F	Pollard
Marsh	C	Lapham
A. L. Leach	G	B. Kummer
Mayer (Andrews)	G	McCrea

Field goals—W. Leach 6, Brown 3, A. Kummer 4, B. Kummer 9, Marsh, A. Leach. Foul goals—W. Leach 2, A. Kummer 2, J. J. Carlos.

Duquesne School a Winner.

The Duquesne school team opened its third season last night by defeating the Fowler Juniors of Manchester by the score of 21 to 2. McTighe played a good game for Duquesne. Lineup:

Duquesne—21.		Fowler—2.
Lawrence (Tuescher)	F	Steup
Snyder	F	Hilliard
Tuescher (Lawrence)	C	Young
Earls	G	Donovan
McTighe	G	Shumaker

Field goals—Lawrence 2, Tuescher 2, Snyder 2, Earls 2, McTighe, Young. Foul goals—Snyder 3. Referee—Joyce. Timer—W. J. Snyder.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Trenton plays the Duquesne Library five at Duquesne tonight.

Sycamores are without a game for tonight on their floor. Call up Malley, 3960 Grant 94, or address C. E. Malley, box 72, Pittsburgh.

The Butler team would like to play away from home Christmas night. Address Dr. F. H. Hayes, or call up on 'phone, P. & A. 528, or Bell 207-L.

The L. S. Levins would like to hear from all 9 and 10-year-old teams having balls. Telephone 1143 Grant Bell. Address L. Ellis, 723 Park building, city.

South Side Independents would like to hear from good 15 or 16-year-old team for New Year's night—those having a hall; Leetsdale preferred. Address T. Miller, 642 Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Homestead Midgets would like to hear from all 9 or 10-year-old teams having balls; South Side Turner Midgets, State five and Watson five preferred. Address Walter Gibson, P. O. box 324, Munhall, Pa.

Central A. A. would like to arrange games with any 14 and 15-year-old teams having balls for any night next week. Address C. D. Hale, 7 Granville street, at once. Call 791 Main between 6 and 7 any evening and ask for H. Wandless.

The L. S. Levins would like to hear from the following teams having balls: Arizona, Council seconds, Monaca Y. M. C. A., Clayton club, Iroquois, Union High school, North Side Juniors, St. Luke Midgets, St. John's Lyceum seconds, Second Ward, Preps of Braddock and all other 12 or 13-year-old teams having balls. Address Jacob Goldberg, 653 Francis street, city.

The W. R. Blacks will go to Homewood tonight to meet the Newman five of that place. There is some rivalry between the teams, and the lovers of the game can witness one of the best games of the season. Manager Henning requests the following players to report at the Commercial High school at 7.15 p. m. sharp: F. Lynch, Delp, Shields, Strauss, Cons, W. Lynch, Kohl and Henning.

The Allegheny Lyceum team will play the strong two-team team at Freedom this evening, and the following players are requested to report at the Ft. Wayne depot, Allegheny, not later than 6:45: Smith, Daly, Walsh, Stern, Rinnell, Love and Kiefer. Allegheny Lyceum would like to hear from all first-class teams for games out of town. Address Roy Rinnell, 1418 Sedgwick street, Allegheny, Pa.

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Conn'v., Un'tn & Fairm't.	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
West Newton Accom	† 9:10 am	† 8:00 am
Cumb., Wash & Balto.	† 1:15 pm	† 3:00 pm
Conn'v., Un'tn & Fairm't.	† 2:00 pm	†10:05 am
Connellsville	† 2:00 pm	† 5:05 pm
Connellsville Accom	* 4:00 pm	† 8:05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg & Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:20 pm
Mt. Pleasant	† 5:00 pm	† 9:00 am
Philadelphia & New York (Duquesne Limited)	* 6:30 pm	* 9:00 am
West Newton Accom	† 6:40 pm	† 1:30 pm
Wash., Balto. & Phila	* 9:30 pm	*7:00 am
LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 7:00 am	* 9:10 am
Kenova and Bellaire (Ohio Valley Express)	† 7:50 am	† 9:40 pm
Col., Chi. & St. L. Ex.	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wheeling & Kenova	* 9:20 am	* 8:00 pm
Wheeling & Parkersburg	* 1:25 pm	*11:30 am
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheeling	* 4:30 pm	*10:00 am
Wheeling & Parkersburg	* 4:30 pm	*11:30 am
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 5:05 pm	* 4:05 pm
Col., Chi. & St. Louis Ex.	* 5:50 pm	* 7:05 pm
LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Lorain	* 7:45 am	* 9:00 pm
Chicago & Cleveland	* 5:10 pm	*12:15 pm
Chicago Limited	* 5:05 pm	* 7:35 am
(Leave Allegheny.)		
Butler	† 7:00 am	† 8:00 am
Butler	† 7:30 am	* 9:40 am
Butler, Foxburg & Kane	† 8:15 am	† 5:10 pm
Butler, Erie	† 8:25 am	† 6:35 pm
Butler	†11:00 am	* 9:40 am
Butler, Erie	† 1:35 pm	† 1:00 pm
Ellwood City	† 1:15 pm	† 6:30 am
Butler, Clarion, Greenv	* 3:50 pm	*10:25 am
Butler, Ellw'd & N. Castle	† 5:20 pm	† 8:40 am
Ellwood & New Castle	† 6:45 pm	* 9:40 am
Butler	* 6:46 pm	* 5:10 pm
Butler	*11:35 pm	* 7:35 pm

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Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7:15 am	* 6:30 pm
Cleveland & Youngstown Ex.	* 8:15 am	* 5:00 pm
Buffalo Limited	* 9:00 am	* 5:00 pm
Cleveland, Toledo & Detroit	*12:35 pm	* 8:35 pm
Cleveland & Chautauqua	* 2:00 pm	*12:15 pm
Buffalo & Eastern Express	†12:35 pm	† 6:55 pm
Lake Chautauqua, Fast Line	*12:35 pm	* 6:30 pm
Buffalo & Erie Express	* 5:05 pm	*10:00 pm
Cleveland & Chicago Ex.	* 2:30 pm	*12:15 pm
Boston Special	* 5:00 pm	* 8:35 am
Cleveland & Detroit "Flyer"	* 6:15 pm	*11:15 am
Chicago Limited	* 6:15 pm	* 6:35 am
Buffalo Express	*10:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Cleveland Night Express	*11:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Youngstown Local	† 5:30 am	* 9:00 am
Beaver Falls Local	† 6:45 am	† 8:35 am
Beaver Falls Local	† 1:10 pm	† 9:35 am
Beaver Falls Local	† 8:30 pm	†12:10 pm
New Castle Local	†11:55 am	† 4:15 pm
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 pm
New Castle Express	† 9:25 am	† 1:10 pm
Beaver Falls Express	† 5:25 pm	† 6:30 am
Beaver Valley Local	† 9:00 pm	† 6:45 am
Brownsville Local	† 6:10 am	† 7:00 am
Brownsville & N. Haw. Ex.	† 9:00 am	† 8:00 am
McKeesport & Brownsville	†11:50 am	†11:40 am
Brownsville & New Haven	* 3:30 pm	* 4:50 pm
Brownsville Express	* 5:20 pm	* 8:05 pm
Brownsville Express	*10:30 pm	† 1:30 pm

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St. L., Chi., Kansas City	* 8:30 pm	* 6:30 am

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THE CLUBS

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Hospital Christmas Treat Tonight.

The Christmas entertainment at the Homeopathic hospital will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the chapel. Every patient who can possibly be lifted to reclining chairs will be taken to the chapel, if only for a few minutes, to see the tree. It is an immense one, reaching to the ceiling, and is covered with tinsel, glistening balls and candles. Santa Claus will be beside the tree, and after the short program, which will consist of a talk by the Rev. George M. Russell, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, recitations by Prof. Sheeth and music by Dan Reddoe and one or two others, he will go among the patients to give personally his presents. For the ward patients the Christmas gift will be useful garments to wear when they leave the hospital. The help will receive some little present, while the patients from the private rooms will be given little books or similar remembrance. Those who are too ill to leave their beds will receive a visit from Santa Claus, who will not overlook any one in the institution. Santa Claus will again remember the children early Christmas morning, and while they are sleeping he will put a Christmas tree on the music box in their ward. The children are awakened every morning by the nurse, who starts the music box. In the children's ward and in every other ward there will be potted plants, a Christmas gift from Mrs. Alexander R. Peacock, while corridors, wards and public and private rooms will be effectively decorated with laurel wreaths of holly and scarlet ribbons.

Kindergarten Children Made Happy.

A Christmas tree was erected in every one of the more than 60 free kindergartens in Pittsburgh and Allegheny for the closing exercises conducted on Thursday and yesterday. The trees were decorated with the cut paper trimmings made by the children themselves, and upon the trees hung many of the little gifts which they had made for their fathers and mothers, consisting of picture frames of paper or cardboard, paper baskets, balls and the various other articles which they are taught to fashion. The children each received a little gift, these Christmas gifts being arranged for by the various auxiliary circles composed of young women interested in the work of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Free Kindergarten association. About 500 dolls were distributed by these circles under the direction of Miss Grace Taylor, the young women furnishing the dolls, many of which were dressed by their friends and other societies. The students in the Pensylvania College for Women dressed 75 dolls provided by the circles. Among the schools where the dolls were sent were the Washington school, in Lawrenceville; the Eleventh ward, Allegheny; the Greenfield, Minersville and others. In some of the other schools the committees of mothers furnished the dolls. Where the girls were given dolls, the boys received various toys, guns and horns. In some the children each received an orange or an apple and a box of candy instead of the toys, the aim being to give the dolls and toys in those kindergartens attended chiefly by the poorer children.

Meeting With Success.

Seven physicians have offered their services to the educational department of the Civic club in its practical demonstration of the need of medical inspection in the schools of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. The children in one school building were examined before the meeting of the department last Wednesday, and at that time several women were appointed by the chairman, Mrs. William Macrum, to ask the consent of the school directors for a similar inspection in various other schools. As soon as a report covering a sufficient number of schools can be secured the matter of an appropriation by each city for the support of medical inspection in the public schools will be urged by the Civic club of Allegheny county. The department is also working to secure several more scholarships of $100 each annually, that it may send to school such children as are found working in factories, shops or stores in violation of the present child labor law, which places the age limit at 14 years. When the wages of the children are found to be absolutely necessary to the support of other members of their families, the scholarships will be paid to the parents in weekly installments, while the department will see that the children will be sent regularly to school.

Entertainment by the Children.

The children attending the sewing and kitchengarden classes and the girls' club in the Soho Baths Settlement house, Fifth avenue, will have their Christmas tree this afternoon at 4 o'clock. There are 70 children in the classes and the club, and each one will receive a present and a box of candy presented by the settlement committee, of which Mrs. George Porter is chairman. An entertainment consisting of music and readings will be given by the members of the girls' club, whose chairman is Miss Fannie Page. There will be a Christmas tree with pretty decorations and lighted candles, while the rooms of the settlement house have been decorated with holly, Christmas bells and wreaths.

The regular meeting of the settlement committee was held yesterday morning, followed by a meeting of the sub-committee in charge of the Christmas entertainment, this committee being composed of Mrs. George Porter, chairman; Mrs. Rufus Martin, Mrs. James C. Dick, Mrs. J. D. Arnold and Miss Anna R. Stration. A number of Christmas dinners will be provided for people in the neighborhood.

Plans of Sunshine Committee.

The sunshine committee, co-operating with the Sunday committee of the West Penn hospital, will place growing plants in every ward of the hospital on Sunday. They include palms, ferns and rubber plants, which will be kept in the wards during the winter. Souvenir Christmas cards will also be sent each patient. The Christmas entertainment will be given Sunday evening. There will be singing in every ward and in addition ice cream will be served to every one, including the patients, the hospital staff and employes, and the visitors. The sunshine committee, of which Mrs. Samuel McKee is chairman, was organized a little over a year ago to co-operate with the Sunday committee composed of Robert S. Davis and J. J. Matthews, who provide a speaker for the Sunday services throughout the year, a different clergyman speaking each Sunday afternoon. The committee makes special plans for the observance of Christmas, Easter and the Fourth of July.

Discuss Christmas Giving.

The Mothers' club of Monongahela, at its December meeting a few days ago, discussed Christmas-giving. Mrs. Frank Wickersham talked on the "Perpetuation of the Name of Santa Claus." "The Value of Limitation in Christmas Giving" provoked general discussion. The necessity of limitation in the giving of gifts was urged, and it was suggested that the custom among older people of writing and exchanging Christmas letters be encouraged. While urging moderation in the giving of gifts on Christmas, the club did not forget the poor, but gave toys, clothing and money to be distributed where needed among the poor of the community. The next meeting of the Mothers' club will be on January 11, when the midwinter reception will be given at the residence of Mrs. Harrison Leyde.

Farmington Society's Annual Treat.

The Farmington Aid society will hold its annual treat for poor children in Allegheny this afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Cyclorama building, Beech street and Irwin avenue. The young women composing the society will spend the greater part of this morning in trimming the big Christmas tree and packing 35 baskets with Christmas dinners. Other delicacies will be sent to some of the sick people visited by the nurse, Miss Cooper. At the treat this afternoon, when the children will be given cake and ice cream, a box of candy, some fruit and a toy or doll, a real Santa Claus will distribute the gifts. The number of children entertained this afternoon will be limited to 200. Miss Isabel Chalfant is president of the society, while Miss Madelaine Laughlin has charge of the special Christmas entertainment.

Holiday at G. A. R. Home.

The managers of the home at Hawkins station supported by the Ladies of the G. A. R. will meet today in the home to trim the Christmas tree and make preparations for the annual Christmas dinner. Though the dinner will be served on Christmas day, the Christmas tree will be lighted tomorrow evening at the close of the usual Sunday service, and the distribution of presents will be made then. Each resident in the home will receive a pretty handkerchief and some fruit from the members of the board of managers. The tree will be placed in the chapel, and the managers and friends of the residents will be present. There are 63 women in the home. The managers are anxious to increase the capacity of the institution.

Bryan Arrives at Manila.

MANILA, Dec. 22.—W. J. Bryan arrived here at noon today and was given an enthusiastic reception by committees representing the citizens and the Elks. He declined to discuss politics, and he would express no opinion upon the state of Nebraska going Republican at the last election. He said he had enjoyed hugely his visit to Japan. He will sail for India in two weeks.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R. Will Honor Holiday Excursion Tickets On the "Buffalo Limited."

All agents of the P. & L. E. have been instructed to sell holiday excursion tickets for the famous 6-hour train to Buffalo. New Observation and dining cars just installed on this train, leaving Pittsburgh 10:00 a. m., City Time. Pullman reservations made by 'phone.

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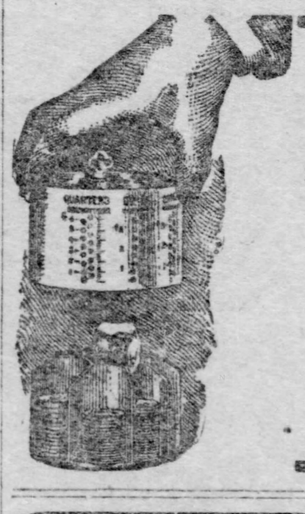

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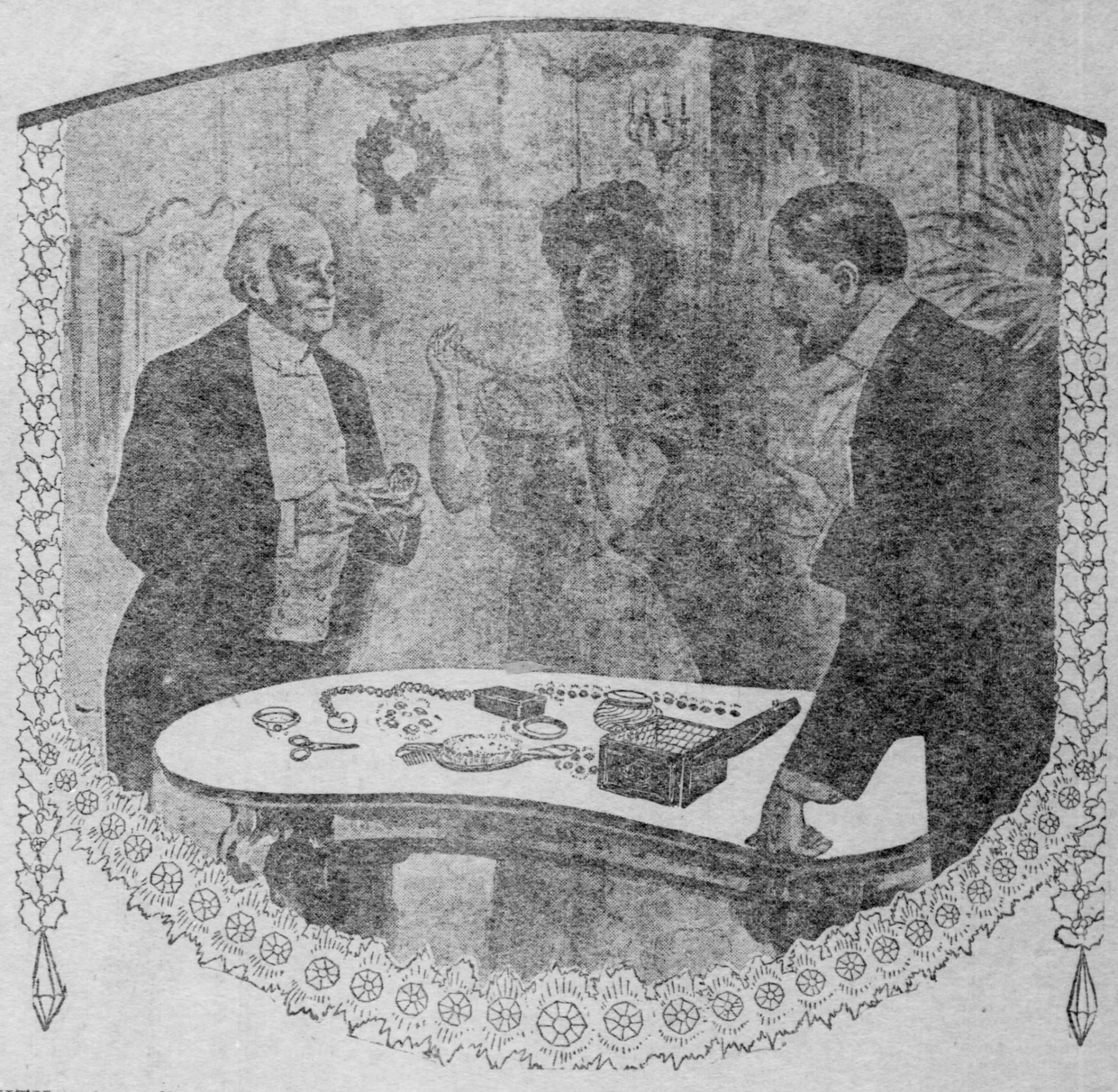

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A LARGE bridal party will be in attendance at the wedding of Miss Rebekah Jane Friend and Hay Walker on Tuesday, January 23. The wedding will be an afternoon affair in the Shadyside Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock, with the Rev. Dr. Henry D. Lindsay, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, officiating. Miss Elizabeth McClellan Friend will be her sister's maid of honor, and Mrs. Cornelius H. Tangeman of New York, at whose wedding the bride-elect was an attendant, will serve as matron of honor. The bridesmaids will include Miss Ethel Byram, Miss Laura Smith and Miss Marion Clarke, all of Pittsburgh; Miss Margaret Walker and Miss Ruth Walker, both of Allegheny; Miss Helen Voorhees of Philadelphia, Miss Eunice Burrell of Waterbury, Conn., and Miss Ethel Heveran of Dover, Del. Harry McCandless will act as best man for Mr. Walker, and among the ushers will be Francis Albert Dilworth, Jr., Harry H. Robinson, Dean Wiston of Chicago, Dr. Elliott of Philadelphia, Samuel Riter and Eben M. Byers. The church ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wood Friend, in Ellsworth avenue, Shadyside.

Christmas Decorations at Tea.

Drapings of holly over the doors and mantel in the drawing-room, a centerpiece of deep red carnations, with chandelier decorations of poinsettia, bells and tinsel in the dining-room, marked the tea given yesterday by Mrs. Sara Black and her daughter, Miss Marie Black, at their home in Stratford avenue. The hours were from 2 o'clock until 5 and the guests had been asked to meet Mrs. Daniel Carlos Stewart of Philadelphia, who was Miss Elizabeth McKenna of this city. Mrs. Black and her daughter had for their assistants Mrs. Thomas H. Carlin, Mrs. Frank W. Gorden, Mrs. Joseph Caldwell, Mrs. Joseph Womersley, Mrs. Samuel Wiley Gault, Mrs. James B. Lantz, Mrs. James L. Black, Mrs. Thomas Lantz, Mrs. William Black, Mrs. Xavier Wittmer, Miss Sarah Gormley, Miss Emma Gilchrist, Mrs. John H. Carlin, Mrs. Joseph G. Walter, Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Eames, Mrs. Henry Wittmer, Miss Delmont J. Kennedy, Mrs. Thomas McKenna, Miss Helen Walter and Miss Margie Thomas of Wilmington, Del.

Will Wed on New Year's Day.

Miss Yetta Baumgarten, former head resident of the Columbian Council school, and Sol Schoenfeld of Altoona will be married at the bride's home, in North Euclid avenue, at noon on New Year's day, the Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy will perform the ceremony, and there will be no attendants. Only the members of the two families will be present. After February 1 the bridal couple will be at home in Altoona, of which place the bridegroom is a prominent business man. Miss Baumgarten was guest of honor yesterday at an informal luncheon given by Mrs. M. A. Goodstone of Millvale avenue. The other guests were Mrs. Enoch Rauh, Mrs. Hugo Rosenberg, Mrs. I. Wildberg, Mrs. Benjamin Hirschfield, Mrs. B. Davis, Mrs. Adolph Bieber, Miss Anna Levaur, Miss Julia Schoenfeld, Miss Edna Korngood and Miss Rebecca Levaur. The favors were heart-shaped boxes filled with rice, and Liberty roses formed the centerpiece on the table.

A Christmas Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Anna J. Bray and John C. Sherriff will take place at 6 o'clock this evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. F. Wright, in Woodlawn avenue, the Rev. Dr. John Wightman, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, officiating. Mrs. William Barclay Wuth, the bride's sister, will be matron of honor, and Herbert Moore of Philadelphia, as best man, will complete the bridal party. At the supper following the wedding the bridal table will be laid with covers for 14, the guests including the bridal couple and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wuth, C. J. Sherriff, Miss Sherriff, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Nellie Bray, Mrs. Wright and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wightman. After a southern trip, Mr. Sherriff and his bride will live in Sheridan avenue, having announced Thursdays, March 8 and 15, as at-home days.

Pittsburghers to Have Treat.

Pittsburghers will be given a treat at the reception and musicale with which Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Barr will entertain on New Year's evening. The musicale will be given by Miss Bessie Abbott, the American prima donna, who is a protege of the de Reszke brothers. For several years Miss Abbott was a member of the grand opera company in Paris and has been much feted by royalty. She is the possessor of a gold coronation medal presented her by King Edward on the occasion of the reception he gave at the English embassy in Paris, when Miss Abbott sang by command. She has just returned to America and has won new laurels in New York, where she has recently been appearing at the Bagby morning musicales in the Waldorf-Astoria. Mr. and Mrs. Barr's reception will be given to introduce their daughter, Miss Margaret L. Barr.

Aids Chosen for Tea.

Assistants have been chosen by Mrs. Napoleon Collins Brace and her daughter, Miss Florence A. Brace, for the tea which they will give next Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Brace makes her debut. The aids are Mrs. John S. Mabon, Mrs. Thomas L. Hazzard, Mrs. Clinton H. Brace, Mrs. George L. Craig, Mrs. E. E. Heck, Miss Percy L. Craig, Mrs. James Robb Wilson, Mrs. Hugh W. McKee, Mrs. James Darsie, Mrs. Robert B. Carson, Mrs. M. B. Darley, Mrs. John W. Thompson, Mrs. James Grant Anderson, Mrs. George B. Boswell, Mrs. Robert W. Kinney, Miss Martha Jennings, Miss Helen Thompson, Miss Aida Pollard, Miss Martha McCance, Miss Mary Armstrong, Miss Ethel M. Griffin, Miss Margaret Watts, Miss Cora Thompson, Miss Mary Burchfield, Miss Mabel Gillespie, Miss Louise McKinney and Miss Gladys Brace.

Miss Thaw to Visit Here.

Miss Henrietta Thaw will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Marshall, Jr., over the subscription dance in the Conservatory of Music next Friday evening. Mrs. Marshall is one of the patronesses, the list of whom also includes Mrs. George C. Burgwin, Mrs. Thomas Rodd and Mrs. Ogden M. Edwards. The committee making arrangements for the dances is composed of Miss Sarah Marshall, Miss Mary Burgwin and Miss Ruth Edwards. There will be two favor figures, which will be led by the girls on the committee. The dance is one of the numerous affairs of Christmas week which have been planned in honor of the school set.

Third Friday at Home.

Mrs. James Hay Reed and her daughters, Miss Katherine Reed and Mrs. David Aiken Reed, observed the third in their series of Friday afternoons at home at Mrs. Reed's residence in Amberson avenue. A number of friends assisted, the list including those in Mrs. James Reed's circle and a few from the debutante set. Mrs. C. H. Wilcox of New York, Mrs. David Reed's mother, was ill and unable to be present. Poinsettia was used to decorate the dining-room, and the other rooms had the numerous bouquets which had been sent to Miss Reed. But one more day will be observed before the series of at-homes closes.

The Kappa Sigma Dance.

Under the most delightful auspices the Pittsburgh alumni chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity gave a dance in the Hotel Schenley last evening. The Kappa Sigma is the largest college fraternity in America. It includes 74 chapters and represents all the leading colleges in the country. A special committee had charge of the dance last evening, the committee members including John McC. Price, David H. Boyd, R. S. Demmler, W. W. McAdams and J. A. McCrory. The patronesses were Mrs. John S. Scully, Mrs. L. F. Demmler, Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. C. A. Wales of Washington, Pa., Mrs. Louise Stifel and Mrs. H. Buchanan.

Miss O'Neill's Assistants.

Miss Marguerite Temple O'Neill has chosen the aids for her tea to be given next Friday afternoon. The list of aids includes Miss Genevieve Hoeveller, Miss Aida Pollard, Miss Marie Fagan, Miss Helen Watson, Miss Elisabeth Humphill, Miss Jane Sloan, Miss Elizabeth Grove and Mrs. Francis Jacob Myers, who will be remembered as Miss Nell Young Hay, a bride of June. Miss O'Neill's tea, which will be given at her home in Sherman avenue, Allegheny, has been planned to meet Miss Kelley of Philadelphia and Miss Lynch of Greensburg, both of whom will be house guests of the hostess.

Dinner for Yale Boys.

Mrs. George Shepard was hostess at a charmingly appointed dinner last evening in honor of her son, Eustace Morrow Shepard, who arrived home from Yale university yesterday morning. The other guests were 14 of Mr. Shepard's Yale friends. Ribbons were attached to the place cards, and at the other ends were appropriate and seasonable souvenirs hidden in a mass of greenery in the center of the table. Just before they were seated the boys gave their college yell. The favors were blue ribbons in the Yale colors, blue and white.

Dance in the Golf Club.

There will be no figures at the dance which Mrs. Thomas Rodd will give in the Pittsburgh Golf club next Wednesday evening. Miss Mary Rodd, who will be a debutante next year, is to be the special guest of honor, and invitations have been issued to her friends among the school set. Mrs. Thomas M. Marshall, Jr., Mrs. Henry H. King, Mrs. J. H. McClelland and Mrs. William Nimick Frew will assist Mrs. Rodd in entertaining.

Dance in Bellevue.

Invitations have been issued by the members of the Bellevue Cotillion club for a holiday dance to be given in Masonic hall, Bellevue, next Friday evening. The patronesses for the dance include Mrs. James W. Brainard, Mrs. Edward M. Butz, Mrs. Edward J. Dietrich, Mrs. Richard E. Keenan, Mrs. T. J. Loer and Mrs. J. G. Sparks. The hall will be tastefully decorated in Christmas greens.

Travelers to Meet Again.

A party of 18 or 20 people who spent last summer together in foreign countries will meet again at a little tea which Mrs. Arthur Stroyd of McPherson Boulevard will give next Wednesday afternoon. The affair will be quite small and very informal. Miss India Stroyd, the daughter of the hostess, is home from Miss Fuller's school, Ossining-on-the-Hudson, for the Christmas holidays.

Notes of Society.

A crowded house saw the second night's presentation of Arthur Nevin's new opera, "The Candy Man," under the auspices of the Nevin Mandolin club, in Sewickley last night. The proceeds from both nights will go to the Sewickley Fresh Air home. On January 2 the opera is to be given in Wheeling.

No Holiday Pay for Canal Employes.

PANAMA, Dec. 22.—The local bankers have not yet received the monthly application from the canal officials for the payment in gold of the employes as heretofore. It is reported that this is due to the canal commission's lack of funds. The Americans on the isthmus will therefore pass Christmas and New Year's day with the salaries unpaid.

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But One Week Remains in Which to Save Women's College.

Just one week remains in which to raise $30,000 in additional subscriptions to save the Pennsylvania College for Women from being abandoned. This includes Sunday and Christmas, and leaves those striving to save the institution but little time in which to accomplish their worthy purpose.

It was announced yesterday that $120,000 had been subscribed toward the $150,000 fund necessary, and that on Wednesday a meeting would be held of the trustees of the endowment fund for the purpose of auditing the subscriptions to date.

JOHN E. POWELL SERIOUSLY ILL AT ALLEGHENY HOME

Former Representative John E. Powell of the Second legislative district, Allegheny, is seriously ill at his residence, 516 West North avenue, Allegheny. His relatives have been informed of his condition. He was born in West Middlesex, Mercer county, in 1858, and after completing his education entered the employ of the Wheeler Furnace Company. For some years he was chief clerk in the engineers' office of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad. Later he was treasurer of the National Cable and Wire Company. He was elected to the legislature in November, 1902, and served one term.

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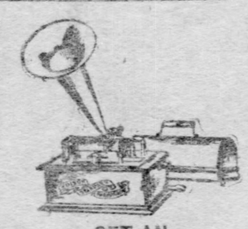

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al., Twelfth ward, Pittsburgh; fronting 20 feet on westerly side of Jones avenue, and extending back 75 feet to Tower street; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Henry Englehardt.
No. 2, F. F. 189, January, 1906. $911.00
J. Charles Dicken.

Lot No. 58, in Plan called "Perchment's addition to Brushton borough," Sterrett township, Plan Book Vol. 13, page 108; fronting on northwesterly side of Bertha street and extending back 100 feet to a 20-foot alley; and having thereon a small 1-story frame house.

David M. Martin.
No. 2, F. F. 172, January, 1906. $125.00
L. M. Allen.

Lot No. 10, in John Aiken's Partition Plan, Twentieth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 4, page 79; fronting 59 15-100 feet on east side of Emerson street, and extending back along M. Carr's lot 137 40-100 feet to a 20-foot alley.

John H. Fisher.
No. 2, F. F. 173, January, 1906. $875.00
W. L. Sloan.

Lot No. 154, in Carnegie & Company's Plan, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 4, page 272; fronting 20 feet on easterly side of Keystone street, and extending back 100 feet to Kent alley.

Also lots Nos. 1047 and 1155, in Plan called "West Pittsburgh Annex," borough of Ingram, Plan Book Vol. 18, page 168.

Mary H. Conrad and Joseph M. Conrad.
No. 2, F. F. 174, January, 1906. $300.00
Clark D. Beggs.

Lot No. 113, in S. L. Boggs' plan, borough of Montooth, Plan Book Vol. 8, page 222; fronting 25 feet on southerly side of Lafferty avenue, and extending back 120 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

James Simpson, with notice to Ruth A. Jayne, terre tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 175, January, 1906. $2,420.88
V. A. Powell.

Lot No. 38, in Daniel McClurk's plan, Thirty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 4, page 85; fronting 40 feet on south side of Tioga street, and extending back 125 feet to a 20-foot alley, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling, No. 7612 Tioga street.

George L. King, with notice to Edward S. Morgan.
No. 2, L. F. 176, Jauary, 1906. $544.96
Robert Malone.

Lot No. 9 in George L. King's plan, borough of Bellevue, Plan Book Vol. 19, page 94; fronting 44 5-10 feet on northerly side of North street, and extending back 118 feet, and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling.

Joseph G. Knorr, with notice to James A. Lowry, terre tenant.
No. 2, L. F. 177, January, 1906. $815.75
N. W. Shafer.

Part of lot No. 359, and part of lot No. 358, in Sunnyside plan, borough of Bellevue, Plan Book Vol. 10, page 92; fronting 50 feet on northern side of Rogers avenue, 50 feet eastwardly from dividing line between lots Nos. 354 and 355, and extending back 150 feet to a 20-foot alley.

Michael Cusack (who survives Margaret Cusack, his wife), with notice to Patrick Daly and A. J. Theakston, terre tenants.
No. 2, L. F. 178, January, 1906. $1,012.77
W. E. Best.

Lot fronting 66 feet on northerly side of Brownsville avenue, at corner of an alley 9 feet wide, Thirtieth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along George Johnston's lot 110 feet to Julie Bradley's lot; thence by said Bradley's lot and other property of Louis H. Frederick eastwardly 32 feet to lot of Michael Scuffell; thence by said Scuffell's lot and said 9-foot alley southwardly 150 feet to beginning, and having thereon two 2-story frame dwellings of three rooms each.

George H. Maags and Alice J. Maags his wife.
No. 2, L. F. 179, January, 1906. $654.48
Diamond & Zacharias.

Lot No. 152, in plan of Knoxville Land and Improvement Company, borough of Knoxville, Plan Book Vol. 8, page 210; fronting 25 feet on northerly side of Morse street, and extending back 100 feet in Arabella street, and having thereon a 2 story brick dwelling.

Benjamin Terhorst, defendant, with notice to J. E. Smith, J. S. Parker, H. A. Grisby and John Young, tenants in possession.
No. 2, L. F. 180, January, 1906. $796.98
W. F. & C. S. Wise.

Piece of land in Aleppo township, beginning at a post on south side of a public road and bounded by lands of Andrew Gerlach, Jacob Fetter and Frederick Ringley; containing six acres, 2 roods and 20 perches, more or less, and having thereon a frame dwelling and frame stable.

Also part of lots Nos. 19 and 20 in Thomas Farrell's heirs' plan, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 5, page 292; fronting 56 39-100 feet in Junilla street, and extending back along Upfold alley 53 27-100 feet, and having thereon four frame dwellinggs of six rooms each.

Mary M. Zumpft, and Charles Zumpft her husband.
No. 2, F. F. 181, January, 1906. $5,500.00
Fagan & Magee.

Piece of ground in borough of Sharpsburg, beginning at a point on line of property late of Ephraim Love and line of property of West Penn railroad; thence along property of said railroad S. 75½ degrees W. 135 feet, 6 inches, to Fifteenth street; thence along Fifteenth street, S. 1½ degrees W. 69 feet to a point; thence S. 85¼ degrees E. 132 feet to property late of E. Love; thence along said property N. 1½ degrees E. 100 feet to beginning. And having thereon a 2-story and attic frame dwelling.

Samuel W. Hare and Hannah Jane Hare, his wife.
No. 2, L. F. 182, January, 1906. $5,542.65
Kennedy, Smith & McVicar.

Lots Nos. 32 and 33, in John Wesley's Plan, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 12, page 169; fronting 50 feet on northerly side of McCully street, and extending back 94 81-100 feet.

Lachied Bottling Company, a corporation.
No. 2, F. F. 186, January, 1906. $8,802.98
Mark Schmid.

Lots Nos. 24 and 25 and part of lot No. 26, in Bell, Edwards and Breed's Plan, Twenty-eighth ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 1, page 74; fronting 56 feet on westerly side of South Thirteenth street, and extending back along Sarah street 115 feet to Enon alley. Together with all the engines, boilers, bottling apparatus and machinery of every kind in place on premises. And having thereon a 2-story brick building, occupied as a bottling works, and a 2-story brick stable.

William J. Dunlap.
No. 2, F. F. 187, January, 1906. $1,100.00
Douglass & Fife.

Lot No. 29, Block "D," Christy Park Plan, Eleventh ward, McKeesport, Plan Book Vol. 7, pages 100 and 101; fronting 25 feet on Patterson avenue, and extending back 135 feet to Ward alley; and having thereon a 2-story frame dwelling and outbuildings.

Peter J. Bauer and Katheryn Bauer, his wife.
No. 2, F. F. 188, January, 1906. $493.29
W. E. Best.

Part of lot No. 11, in John H. Bogan's Plan, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, Plan Book Vol. 4, page 88; fronting 22 feet on northerly side of Berg street, 1 foot 6 inches east from line of lot No. 12, in said plan, and extending back 65 feet; and having thereon a 2-story frame house containing 6 rooms and attic.

JAMES W. DICKSON,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office,
Pittsburgh, December 15, 1905.

CRIME DECREASES; LITIGATION HEAVY

Interesting Showing Is Made by the United States Circuit and District Courts.

TRUE BILLS FOR MURDER

During the past session of the United States circuit court, which was the longest and most important in its history, 59 cases were disposed of and verdicts of $155,808 93 rendered in 19 damage suits. The formation of so many corporations under charters secured in other states shows the business of this court to grow in importance every year, while the district court business is falling off, which shows a decrease in crime.

The grand jury returned a true bill for murder against Max Citron. Citron stabbed Samuel Goldstein during a quarrel at Corsopolis September 8, and the latter died two days later from the effects of the wound. True bills for involuntary manslaughter were returned against Roscoe V. Madden and Edward Cook, the latter aged 13. Madden, who was a street car conductor, is alleged to have thrown a man who has never been identified from his car on the Sixth street bridge November 21, fracturing his skull and causing his death the next day at the Allegheny General hospital. Young Cook fired the contents of a shotgun into the body of Joseph Ziver, a mine boss who was walking across the boy's father's farm, accompanied by his wife. The shooting occurred near Rising postoffice, and Ziver was killed almost instantly.

Other Indictments Returned.

Other true bills were: False pretense, J. M. Rumbaugh; entering a building, Frank Barry, Robert Girton et al., 6; felonious assault, George Costrich. J. F. Thompson; larceny, John Glenn, Charles Smith, Howard Mason, John Stien, Emma Matter, Edward Muir, Robert Glover, Harry McCarthy, Edward Zuffo; aggravated assault, Frank Hart, W. F. Walsh, Burish, et al., Edward Teenen; assault and battery, B. G. Reese, Allen Hart; malicious mischief, Thomas Lourey; selling liquor illegally, Patrick Mushi, Nora Lydon, George O. Shaffer; keeping a gambling house, George C. Shaffer; pointing firearms, J. J. Laffey; misdemeanor, James Conway.

A prominent Carnegie physician, Dr. T. Charles Stevenson, was convicted in criminal court yesterday of malpractice. The conviction was a surprise, as Stevenson is said to have always borne a good reputation among the practitioners in the Chartiers valley. The charge against him was brought by Mrs. Barbara Baker of Carnegie on behalf of her daughter, Margaret Baker.

A. S. Patterson, a stockholder and creditor of the Pittsburgh Concrete Company of Allegheny, filed a bill in equity against the concern asking the appointment of a receiver to operate the plant. It is capitalized at $50,000, he aters, but only $18,500 is issued. The property is valued at $10,000, and material on hand at $10,000, while the liabilities, he avers, are large. He wants the receiver to operate the plant.

Makes a Counter Claim.

Byron W. King has filed an affidavit of defense to the suit of Jennie Yeaman, denying any indebtedness to her for services as a teacher and setting up a counter claim of $285 which he alleges she owes him for tuition.

B. N. Cargalanis sued Konstantine Nicolopomio for $3,000 damages, alleging false arrest. The Union Realty Company filed a demurrer to the answer and cross-bill of A. C. Dethen and John H. Palmer, alleging the answer does not allege any facts that would operate as a defense or revocation of the contracts between the company and them. The cross-bill is objected to chiefly on technicalities.

Ree & Co. sued the Pittsburgh Surety Company for $109 23. It is alleged the defendant was on the bond of O. J. Wingert, who had been in the plaintiff's employ. It is alleged Wingert fraudulently took $565 23 of the firm's money and that his bondsman has paid $456 on account. Suit for the alleged balance is now entered by the plaintiff.

George W. Jones sues John S. Parrish for $500 damages and had a capias issued for the defendant. It is alleged that the defendant took possession of the plaintiff's property.

The Swanson Realty Company and Fred Ruch filed answer to the equity suit of Mrs. Martha Myers, an action on an agreement. The defendants aver the agreement was executed by the plaintiff and that she declared she was unmarried.

George L. McFarlane, a well known broker by his will leaves a $5,000 estate to his widow, Martin Schaefer of Allegheny gives St. Boniface Roman Catholic church $100, St. Joseph's Orphan asylum $25, and the residue of a $30,000 estate to his widow and children.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed against George W. Thompson and Silas E. Thompson, doing business as Thompson & Co. of Pittsburgh, by M. Eisenberg & Son of New York, the J. H. White Manufacturing Company, Gaites, Pease & Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lawrence Gas Fixture Manufacturing Company and the Gibson Gas Fixture Works of Philadelphia. The total amount of their claims is $5,479 85.

FERRYBOAT CATCHES FIRE.

Crowd of 1,000 Passengers Thrown Into Panic by Sudden Outburst of Flame.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—While the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western ferryboat Mont Clair was crowded from end to end, on a trip tonight from Christopher street to Hoboken, fire burst from beneath the middle of the men's cabin.

So sudden was the outburst of flame that many had narrow escapes from burning. Shouts of fire sent the passengers in a rush to the open ends of the boat, men almost pushing one another into the water. The panic spread to the women's cabin, which was also crowded, there being about 1,000 passengers on the boat.

The deckhands took fire extinguishers down and played them on the fire, which quickly became only a smudge of smoke. The boat was driven full speed, with whistle shrieking, to the Hoboken slip. The passengers rushed ashore and the fire department put out what remained of the blaze.

ENDS LINE OF WARRIORS.

While Charles M. Grable Lay Dead His Son Expires in Chair in Adjoining Room.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Seated in an armchair in a room adjoining that in which his father, Charles Murray Grable, lay dead, Charles Frederick Grable, died this afternoon. The death of the younger Grable, who was an only son, marks the passing away of a long line of Pennsylvania warriors who took part in every war this country has engaged in, from the revolution down to the time of the Spanish war.

The great grandfather of Grable was Gen. Brandt, who fought in the revolutionary war. His uncle, Frederick Shelling, together with Shelling's five sons, fought in the civil war. Both father and son will be buried Sunday from their home, 2038 North Fifth street.

MR. NAPIER TO PLAY.

Will Be Organist at Free Recitals Tonight and Tomorrow Afternoon.

The 731st and the 732d in the series of free organ recitals at Carnegie Music hall, Pittsburgh, will be given this evening and tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Edward J. Napier of Pittsburgh will be the organist, and he presents two programs of an unusually interesting character. The list for Saturday evening is as follows:

Sonata in B Flat Minor (First time at these recitals).....Ludwig Boelet
Allegro, Moderato, Largo, Vivace, Finale.
Bourree in C.....Archer
Offertoire pour Noel.....Clausmanna
Transcriptions by Edward J. Napier.
Prelude to Act III. (Henry VIII.).....German
Slumber Song.....Marston
Air and Variations (The Harmonious Blacksmith).....Handel
Overture, "Iphigenia in Aulis".....Gluck

Gives $50,000 to Harvard.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Harvard college will receive a legacy of $50,000 for its medical school under the will of Dr. George S. Hyde, which was filed today. The gift is in trust to use for the medical school.

Make a man of the boy. Select a gift that acts, not only as a perpetual reminder of your thoughtfulness, but possesses qualities capable of pushing him ahead. Teach him the lesson of economy by the presentation of a little leather covered pass book. A dollar or more will open a savings account in his own name, bearing 4 per cent compond interest, with the Commonwealth Trust Company, in Fourth avenue.

Holiday Rates to Connellsville Via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

$2.20 round trip from Pittsburgh. Tickets on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good returning until Jan. 3, inclusive.

Pastor C. T. Russell's Topic.

The subject at 3 p. m. tomorrow at Carnegie hall Allegheny, will be "The Song of the Angels." Seats free.

In the Oil Fields

Development work in the lower southwest fields is falling off and in some districts operators are closing up their operations for the winter. The recent completions show little incentive for continuing active developments. The season for bad roads in West Virginia has set in, and this is of itself an obstacle that increases the cost of getting material to the fields. Operators have for some months had their chances for profit making reduced on account of their failure to find anything better than light pumpers. The halting and sagging back of the oil market has been another discouraging feature for developers of deep sand territory. All things considered there is little hope for a revival of operations before next spring.

On Churchs Fork, Church district, near Hundred, the Wheeling Natural Gas Company has drilled its test on the Caleb Freeland farm into the fourth sand and has developed a fair gasser in that formation. Three miles southwest of Hundred, in the same district, the same company has drilled its test on the Catherine Cosgray farm into the top of the fourth sand and the well is showing for a gasser from that level. In the Littleton district, the South Penn Oil Company has shot its No. 1 on the Charles Anderson farm, but it failed to respond. In the Salem district, Harrison county, the South Penn company has drilled its second test on the Law-Dardoid farm into the Gordon four feet and has developed no oil or gas. It is still drilling and has a chance for a pay.

In West Union district, Doddridge county, the South Penn Oil Company has now drilled its test on the B. F. Jones farm through all of the lower formations and has a duster. This test is located 2,000 feet northwest of the Castle Brook Carbon Company's gasser on the John Bland farm. In the Folsom district, Harrison county, the South Penn Oil Company's No. 4 on the S. A. Cavalier farm has declined to 90 barrels a day.

In the Yellow Creek district, Calhoun county, there is considerable new work starting, despite the fact that the present month shows more dusters completed than for any month during the year. The South Penn Oil Company has the rig completed for a test on the K. A. Silcott farm and the Carter Oil Company is starting tests on the S. Bee and A. Hardman farms. Mallory Bros. & Stewart are due in the sand at a test on the R. H. Rogers farm and the South Penn Oil Company is down 1,100 feet at a test on the N. F. McConaughy farm.

In the Berea grit development, on the Ohio side, east of Woodsfield, Monroe county, the Pure Oil Producing Company has drilled its test on the Sloup-Schumacher farm into the Berea grit and has a show for a 25 or 30-barrel producer. This test is located north of developments. In the Lewisville district, in the same county, W. G. Decker has completed a second test on the Marion Fisher farm and has a show for a 10-barrel pumper. North of the Jerusalem district, and across the line in Belmont county, W. F. Borchers & Co. have completed a test on the Lorenzo Moore farm and have a duster in the Big Injun. In the Jerusalem district the Carter Oil Company is due in the sand at a test on the Lee Taylor farm and Miller & Co. are due on the I. N. Feffers farm.

In the Legionville field, Beaver county, Snyder & Co. have completed their test on the John Shutz farm and have a duster in the 100-foot. Northeast of Bakertown, Butler county, C. D. Greenlee & Co. have drilled their test on the Patton heirs' farm through the 100-foot and have a duster. Near Bakerstown the American Natural Gas Company has a fourth sand gasser at its test on the McClintock heirs' farm.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 21	71,895	December 20	94,272
Previously 1,402,461		Previously 1,216,454	
Total 1,474,356		Total 1,310,726	
Daily average...	70,207	Daily average...	65,536

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 21	75,863	December 20	58,307
Previously 1,324,192		Previously 832,734	
Total 1,399,995		Total	891,041
Daily average...	66,666	Daily average...	44,582

The Oil Market.

The following are the quotations for credit balances in the different fields: Pennsylvania, $1 58; Tiona, $1 68; Second Sand, $1 53; Cabell, $1 18; Corning, $1 10; New Castle, $1 25; North Lima, 94c; South Lima, 88c; Corsicana, 91c. The Producers and Refiners' Company quotes $1 68 for Pennsylvania oil.

OIL CITY, Dec. 22.—Credit balances, $1 58. Shipments, 71,895 barrels; average, 70,209 barrels. Runs, 94,272 barrels; average, 65,536 barrels. Shipments, Lima, 75,083 barrels; average, 67,145 barrels. Runs, Lima, 58,907 barrels; average, 44,582 barrels.

TOLEDO, Dec. 22.—Oil—North Lima, 94c; South Lima and Indiana, 89c.

WILL REMAIN HERE.

Firth-Sterling Steel Co. Officers Say Plant Will Not Be Moved.

A rumor to the effect that the Firth-Sterling Steel Company of McKeesport is contemplating moving its plant to Washington, D. C., was denied last night by one of the directors of the company.

The firm has purchased a large tract of land in the vicinity of Washington, upon which, it is said, a new plant is to be erected. The officers of the company, while admitting the purchase of the property, refuse to state the nature of the plant to be erected, although they deny that the plant in McKeesport is to be moved.

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SHADYSIDE, Amberson avenue, J. Kinsey Smith, D. D., pastor—11, Communion and reception of new members; 7:45, "The World Before Christ and After," special Christmas music, Luigi Von Kunits, violinist.

MANCHESTER, Franklin and Market sts., Allegheny, D. A. Greene, pastor—10:45, infant baptism. "Christmas; Its Meaning;" 7:30, "Christmas; Its Temperate and Pious Observance."

EAST LIBERTY, Penn and Highland avenues, Frank W. Sneed, D. D., pastor—11, "The Song of Joy;" 7:45, "Visit of the Magi." Christmas cantata Monday evening at 7.

FIRST, Sixth avenue, near Wood street, Maitland Alexander, D. D., pastor—10:45, "Bethlehem's Message;" 4, "Room for Christ;" 7:45, "The Star Have You Seen It?"

THIRD, Fifth avenue and South Negley avenue, William L. McEwan, D. D., pastor—11, "The Interpretation of Christmas Facts;" 8, "The Savior from Sin."

FIRST, Arch street, Allegheny, D. S. Kennedy, pastor—10:45, Dr. S. P. Fisher; 7:45, Christmas service with special music by quartet and chorus.

POINT BREEZE, Fifth and Penn avenues, W. S. Fulton, pastor—11, "The Prince of Peace;" 7:45, regular service preceded by special music.

FOURTH, Evaline street, near Liberty avenue, Samuel Callen, D. D., pastor—10:45, "The Christmas Evangel," "No Room in the Inn."

SIXTH, Forbes and Murray sts., J. Shane Nichells, D. D. pastor—11, "God's Gifts;" 7:45, "The First Christmas Tree," a review.

TABERNACLE, Collins avenue and Station street, Allan Douglass Carlisle, D. D., pastor—11 and 7:45, "Lessons from the Nativity."

LAWRENCEVILLE, Thirty-ninth street, A. B. Linn, D. D., pastor—11, "The Visit of the Wise Men;" 7:45, "Walking Uprightly."

EAST END, Waverly and Peebles streets, A. B. Van Fossen, pastor—11, "Christmas Contracts;" 7:30, "A Pondering Mother."

SECOND, Eighth street, S. Edward Young, D. D., pastor—10:30, Song service and sermon; 7:45, Cantata, "The Nativity."

NORTH, Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, H. D. Lindsay, D. D., pastor—11, "The Babe in a Manger;" 7:45, "Mary the Mother."

FRIENDSHIP AVENUE, John M. Gaston, pastor—7:45, services of song, with male quartet, mixed quartet and chorus.

M'CANDLESS AVENUE, Daniel H. McKee, pastor—10:30, "The Prince of Peace;" 7:30, "The Wonderful Name."

FORTY-THIRD STREET, U. S. Greves, pastor—11, "Wise Men Worshiping," 7:45, "No Room in the Inn."

MELROSE AVENUE, A. W. Verner, pastor—11, "God With Us;" 7:30, Christmas song service.

United Presbyterian.

SIXTH, North Highland avenue, R. M. Russell, D. D., pastor—H, "The Wise Reward of the Bethlehem Shepherds;" 7:45, "The Miraculous Birth of Jesus Christ."

FOURTH, Pacific and Friendship avenues—11, "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus, for He Shall Save His People From Their Sins;" 7:45, "The Great Gift."

SECOND, Allegheny, W. H. McMillan, D. D., pastor—11, "Our Kinsman Redeemer;" 7:30, "A Man Converted," second in a series on "Who Is a Christian?"

ATLANTIC AVENUE, McKeesport, James E. Walker, pastor—3, "The Birth of Jesus;" 7:30, "The Christmas Message," special Christmas music.

EIGHTH, Perrysville and Euclid avenues, Allegheny, W. I. Wishart, pastor—10:30, "The Spirit of Christmas;" 7:45, "The Brotherhood of Man."

SECOND, North Negley avenue, S. W. McKelvey, pastor—11, "Our Three Greatest Gifts to Jesus;" 7:45, "Christ's Greatest Gift to Us."

SHADYSIDE, Center avenue and Cypress street—11, "Glory to God in the Highest;" 7:45, "Today, Tomorrow and the Day Following."

FIRST, Fifth avenue, Oakland, William J. Reid, pastor—10:45, "The Christmas Angel;" 7:45, "Exalted to Be a Prince and Savior."

THIRD, Diamond street, J. T. McCrory, pastor—10:45, "Shall We Have a Revival?" 7:45, "Jesus Christ and Christmas Joys."

ELEVENTH, West End, W. R. Thompson, D. D., pastor—10:30, "The Meaning of Christmas;" 7:30, usual service.

FOURTH, Allegheny, T. Park, D. D., pastor—H, "Bethlehem Joy;" 7:45, "Ascension Joy."

Methodist Episcopal.

BUENA VISTA STREET, Allegheny, W. R. Moore, pastor—10:30, "The Father's Gift to the World," Christmas music by quartet; 7:45, "Your Savior," Christmas music by chorus, revival service.

MARY S. BROWN MEMORIAL, Beechwood boulevard and Hazelwood avenues, C. V. Wilson, D. D., pastor—10:30, "Man's Gift for God's Gift;" 7:45, "To You a Son is Given."

CALVARY, Allegheny and Beech avenues, Allegheny, James M. Thoburn, D. D., pastor—10:30, "The Young Child and His Mother;" 7:45, Christmas Stereopticon service.

NORTH AVENUE, Allegheny, Charles W. Blodgett, pastor—10:30, "Christmas Contrast;" 7:45, sacred concert; address, "The Son of the Angels."

OAKLAND, Forbes and Boquet sts., J. W. G. Fast, pastor—10:45, "The Christmas Blessing;" 7:45, Christmas carol service by choir and Sunday school.

EMORY, North Highland avenue and Broad street, W. R. Wedderspoon, pastor—11, "The Star in the East;" 7:45, "Living Stones in Christ's Temple."

CALIFORNIA AVENUE, Allegheny, John W. Heffman, pastor—10:45, "The Social Message of Christmas;" 7:45, "A Lowly Birth—A Great Career."

CENTENARY, J. H. Deniston, pastor—11, "What Christ Has Done for Childhood;" 7:30, "Christmas Cheer for Grown-up Children."

WEST END, South Main street, D. Flanigan, pastor—10:30, a Christmas sermon; 7:30, "Four Leprous Men."

GRACE, Sharpsburg, Lyman Davis, pastor—11, "The Creed of Bethlehem;" 7:30, "The Light of Life."

SMITHFIELD STREET, W. H. W. Rees, pastor—11, "The First Christmas;" 8, sacred concert.

GLENFIELD, Z. M. Silbaugh, pastor—7:30, Christmas story.

Christian.

KNOXVILLE, Knox avenue and Charles street, Fred Marsh Gordon, pastor—10:45, "Worshipping at the Manger Cradle;" 7:30, "The Wise Men in Modern Life."

FIRST, Arch and Montgomery streets, Allegheny, Wallace Tharp, D. D., pastor—10:45, "The Munificent Giver;" 7:45, "Christmas Chords."

WILKINSBURG, South and Wood streets, L. N. D. Wells, pastor—11, "The World's New Teacher;" 7:45, "The Coming of the King."

OBSERVATORY HILL, Allegheny, John Anderson Jayne, pastor—11, "The Real Message of Christmas;" 8, "Christmas Cheer."

EAST END, Highland and Alder, John G. Slayter, pastor—11, "The Child of Bethlehem;" 7:45, "The Visit of the Wise Men."

BELMAR, Race and Sterrett streets, E. E. Manley, pastor—11, "The Sword; Not Peace;" 7:45, "The Exalted Name."

HERRON HILL, J. D. Dabney, pastor—10:45, "Christ is Our Life;" 7:45, "Shall We Know Each Other in Heaven?"

CENTRAL, Pride street, C. L. Thurgood, pastor—10:30, "What Message Have We?" 7:45, "Man's Gift to God."

SHADY AVE., Allegheny, Grant E. Pike, pastor—10:45, "The Coming of Jesus;" 7:45, "A Journey to Bethlehem."

BRADDOCK, O. H. Philips, pastor—11, "What Kind of Christ We Have;" 7:45, "The Wise Men of the East."

M'KEES ROCKS, S. E. Brewster, pastor—10:45, "The Divine Directory;" 7:45, "What to Know About God."

Baptist.

UNION, South Nineteenth street, A. A. Nellis, pastor—10:30, "The Advent and Reception of Jesus, the Anointed Lord;" 7:30, "Jerusalem Under the Turks"—a descriptive lecture by Evangelist Frank M. Wells. Christmas cantata Monday evening.

FOURTH AVENUE, Dr. W. G. Partridge, pastor—11, "Reception of the Birth of Christ by the Contemporary Nations;" evening, illustrated sermon on "Christmas Thoughts on the Life of Christ."

SHADY AVENUE, W. A. Staunton, pastor—11, "The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us;" 7:45, "The Night of the Nativity." Special Christmas music at both services.

SANDUSKY STREET, Allegheny, B. F. Woodburn, pastor—11, A. J. Bonsall, LL.D., "The Incarnation;" 7:45, "The Christmas Angel." Special musical program.

BETH-EDEN, Chartiers street, Allegheny, J. S. Hutson, pastor—10:45, ex-Chaplain Frank M. Wells will speak; 7:30, "Searching for the Young Child," special music.

FORTY-SIXTH STREET, George E. T. Stevenson, pastor—10:45, "The Manger;" 7:45, "Winter—How Will We Spend It?"

MAPLE AVENUE, T. J. Edwards, pastor—10:45, "The Incarnation of Christ;" 7:45, "Justification by Faith."

OAKLAND, A. R. Stark, pastor—10:45, "God Beside the Manger;" 7:45, "The Perfect Life Under Limitations."

FIRST, McKeesport, J. A. Maxwell, pastor—10:30, "Patience;" 7:30, "The Birth of Christ." Song service.

MT. WASHINGTON, E. L. Swift, pastor—10:30, Christmas sermon; 7:30, "What Can I Do?"

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TOMORROW.

Lutheran.

TRINITY, Allegheny, Stockton avenue and Arch street, A. J. Turkle, D. D., pastor—10:45, "Savior Born;" 7:45, "The Angel's Song." The choir and chorus will render the sacred cantata, "The Nativity," in the evening. Sunday school Christmas service Monday evening.

BRUSHTON AVENUE, Brushton and Hamilton avenues, S. N. Carpenter, pastor—11, "Peace on Earth;" 7:45, "Meditations for Christmas Eve." Special service on Monday, December 25, at 7:45 p. m., by the Sunday school.

EMMANUEL, Freeport, Harold B. Ernsberger, pastor—11, special Christmas sermon; 7, song service. Special Christmas service by the Sunday school Monday evening, subject, "The Blessed Morn."

EMMANUEL, Etna, J. M. Guss, pastor—10:30, "Joyful Preparation;" 7:30, "A History Without a Parallel." Monday, December 25, 10, "The Holly Nativity;" 7:30, "The Blessed Morn."

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, Mt. Vernon street and Lang avenue, Robert W. Wood, pastor—10:45, "The Star of the East;" 7:45, "The Blessed Morn," special Christmas service.

CHRIST'S, Wilmerding, Harry C. Michael, pastor—10:45, "The Great Christmas Chorus;" 7:45, "Christmas Gifts," with special music prepared by the board of education.

ST. JOHN'S, Swissvale, A. F. Richardson, pastor—10:45, "The Song of the Angels;" 7:45, "Star and Scepter." Festival of the Nativity by Sunday school and congregation.

FIRST, New Kensington, U. A. Hankey, pastor—11, "The Christ Who Was Rich Became Poor that He Might Become Rich;" 7:30, "Christmas Brings a Savior."

FIRST ENGLISH, Sharpsburg, J. Harry Math, pastor—3, "His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful;" 7:45, "The Holy Night." Christmas song service.

BETHANY, Highland avenue and Kirkwood street, John Weidley, D. D., pastor—11, "The Christmas Story;" 7:45, "Have I Done My Whole Duty?"

GRACE, Allegheny, Hamilton and Tinsbury streets, W. H. Nicholas, pastor—10:45, "Good Tidings of Great Joy;" 7:45, "The Timeliness of Christ's Birth."

MT. ZION, Forty-fourth and Sherman streets, C. P. Wiles, pastor—10:45, "The Nativity of Christ;" 7:45, Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school.

CALVARY, Wilkinsburg, J. Bradley Markward, pastor—11, "No Room for Jesus;" 7:45, "The World's Redeemer." A Sunday school service.

MT. ZION, Franklin road, Allegheny, T. S. Brown, pastor—10:30, "The Witness of the Forerunner;" 7:45, "The Reality of the Incarnation."

ST. JAMES, Arlington avenue and Williams street, J. H. Keller, pastor—10:30, "Around Bethlehem's Manger." A Christmas entertainment.

TRINITY, Tarentum, B. E. Shaner, pastor—H, "The Desire of All Nations;" 7, "The Blessed Born." a children's Christmas service.

ST. MARK'S, Allegheny, North avenue and Middle street, Eli Miller, pastor—11, "The Star in the East;" 7:45, "Unceasing Prayer."

MT. OLIVET, Allegheny, Rhine street and Robinson road, J. H. Keller, pastor—7:30, "No Room for the Savior of the World."

ALPHA, Turtle Creek, M. S. Kemp, pastor—11, "The Sign of the Shepherds;" 7:30, "No Room for Christ in the Inn."

FIRST, Duquesne, W. Ira Guss, pastor—10:45, a Christmas sermon to children; 7:45, "The Blessed Morn."

FIRST, Grant street, D. H. Reisinger, D. D., pastor—10:45, chief service; 7:30, children's Christmas vespers.

TRINITY, McKeesport, P. T. E. Stockslager, pastor—7:30, Christmas service by the Sunday school.

FIRST, Aspinwall, Herman C. Reller, pastor—10:45, Christmas sermon; 7:45, "Jabez, the Honorable."

MESSIAH, Homestead, W. C. Spayde, pastor—7:30, "The Coming of Christ."

Reformed.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, Termon avenue, Allegheny, Albert C. Dieffenbach, pastor—H, "The Art of Receiving," a Christmas sermon; 8, Christmas Carols and Gifts for children.

ST. LUKE'S, Fourth street and Camp avenue, Braddock, John J. Leberman, D. D., pastor—11, "The Word of the Savior of the World;" 7:30, "The Blessed Morn."

ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL, North Highland avenue and Harvard streets, John H. Dietrich, pastor—11, "How Christ Saves Men;" 7:45, Sunday school Christmas service.

FIRST, Union and Library avenues, McKeesport, Aaron Noll, pastor—10:30, "The Christmas Spirit;" 7:30, "The Christmas Festival Considered Historically."

ST. PAUL'S, Forty-fourth street, near Butler, Henry Holliger, pastor—10:45, "Unto You Is Born a Savior;" 7:45, "Christmas Lesson from the Exodus."

GRACE, Dithridge and Bayard streets, John H. Prugh, D. D., pastor—11, "The Christ-Child;" 7:45, "The Blessed Morn," a service of Christmas carols.

GRACE, Fourth street and Viola avenue, Duquesne, D. B. Lady, D. D., pastor—11, "The Voice in the Wilderness;" 7:30, "The Blessedness of Giving."

CALVARY, Turtle Creek, T. R. Dietz, pastor—11, "The Incarnation the Great Event in History;" 7:30, sunday school Christmas service.

FIRST, Pitcairn, A. B. Bauman, pastor—10:45, "Dwelling Among Us;" 7:45, "The Blessed Man," a service of song.

CHRIST, Brushton avenue, J. Grant Walter, pastor—11, "The Star of Destiny;" 7:30, Christmas praise service.

GRACE, Bayard and Dithridge streets, John H. Prugh, D. D., pastor—11 and 7:45.

Reformed Presbyterian.

EIGHTH STREET, D. McAllister, pastor—10:30, "The Name Jesus;" 3, "Life a Vapor."

CENTRAL, Allegheny, J. W. Sproull, D. D., pastor—10:30, "Holding Fast."

Christian Science.

FIRST, Clyde street, Fifth avenue—11 and 8, "God."

Miscellaneous.

SECOND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN, Penn and Boughton avenues, Dr. W. Frank Silvens, pastor—morning, "Christmas;" evening, "The First Christmas Gifts," special music morning and evening.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT, Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, C. A. Voss, pastor—10:30, "The Light of the World;" sermon in German;" 7, Christmas Festival of the Sunday school.

UNITARIAN, Carnegie hall, Allegheny, Thomas Clayton, pastor—7:45, "The Influence of Jesus," as seen by contrasting the world at His birth with the present; special musical program.

FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT, Union avenue, Allegheny, J. K. Spahr, pastor—10:30, "The Great Mystery;" 7:45, "His Gifts to Men."

WELSH PRESBYTERIAN, McDevitt place, Thomas Parry, D. D., of Wilkinsburg will preach at 10:30 in Welsh; at 7:30 in English.

FIRST UNITARIAN, Ellsworth and Morewood avenues, L. Walter Mason, pastor—11, Christmas music and Christmas service.

FIRST SPIRITUAL, Homestead, Dixon's hall, Ann street and Eighth avenue, Mrs. Celia Murtha Clifford, medium, 8.

UNIVERSALIST, 522 Federal street, Allegheny, George B. Stocking, D. D., pastor—7:45, "Vision and Achievement."

CHURCH OF GOD, College avenue and Spahr street, J. L. Updegraph, pastor—11, "The Advent of Jesus."

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, 129 Fifth street, William C. Allen, a minister of Morristown, N. Y., will attend.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST, Allegheny, 24 West Lacock street, E. W. Sprague, 7:45, George C. Day.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST, Oakland, Bouquet street, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, 10:45 and 7:45.

PERSONALS.

PERSONAL—Blanchard's Constitutional Tonic, greatest female remedy in the world, $1. Ca-lo-la gives a clear pink and white complexion, fills out sunken eyes, cheeks, 30 days, $1. Hair removed, destroys superfluous hair, $1. Blanchard's Permanent Face Whitener, $2. Dr. Jane Blanchard, 440 Sixth ave.

PERSONAL—Do you know a good painter? If so, have him do your work; if not, send for P. J. BYRNE. All kinds of painting done in the best manner with the best material. 654 Fifth ave. Both telephones, 711 Forbes street.

CASH PAID FOR CAST-OFF GARMENTS, LADIES AND GENTS. WRITE J. WALD, 1841 WEBSTER AVE., PITTSBURGH.

DAMAGE CASES—Personal injury and other damage cases taken on contingent fees. A No. 1 damage case lawyers. Address T 31, The Gazette.

PERSONAL—A $5 book of season tickets to Duquesne garden is what the boy or girl wants for a Xmas gift.

DETECTIVE AGENCIES.

INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, 625 Bessemer building. Bell 'phone 2107 Court.

BERRY DETECTIVE SERVICE, 423 Fifth ave. Bell telephone, Grant 648.

PERKINS' UNION DETECTIVE AGENCY—331 Fourth ave. Telephones—Private exchange.

SPECIAL.

WANTED—Allegheny people to know that they can secure Buchanan's famous pure extracted honey by forming clubs. Write for terms, G. L. Buchanan, Holidays Cove, W. Va.

ELECTIONS.

The United States National Bank of Pittsburgh.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7, 1905.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING—A meeting of the shareholders of "The United States National Bank of Pittsburgh" will be held at the banking house, 602 Market st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m., for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to the articles of association. A motion will be made to change article III, which now reads, "The board of directors shall consist of eleven (11) shareholders," to read as follows: "The board of directors shall consist of not less than seven (7) shareholders and not more than fifteen (15) shareholders."

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

DOLLAR SAVINGS FUND & TRUST CO., 527 Federal street,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 16, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election of the stockholders of the Dollar Savings Fund and Trust Company will be held at the office of the company, 527 Federal street, on Tuesday, January 16, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m., for the election of trustees to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

E. R. BALDINGER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The National Bank of Western Pennsylvania.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner Penn and Ninth sts., on Tuesday, January 16, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE S. MACRUM, Cashier.

Provident Trust Company,
Ohio and Chestnut sts.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 19, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Ohio and Chestnut streets, Allegheny, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m.

H. C. ALBRECHT, Jr., Sec'y and Treas.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh.
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

JAMES M. YOUNG, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh.
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 11:30 a. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

JAMES M. YOUNG, Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Duquesne National bank will be held at the banking house, No. 408 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m., to elect ten (10) directors to serve for the ensuing year.

A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 124 Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.

OGDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth Avenue and Wood Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sixth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.

JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Cosmopolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

United States National Bank,
503 Market st.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 503 Market st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 331 Fourth ave., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

FORT PITT NATIONAL BANK.
Pittsburgh, Pa. December 6, 1905.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 229 Fourth avenue, Tuesday, January 9th, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.

CHAS. S. LINDSAY, Cashier.

The German National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the German National Bank, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Wood st. and Sixth ave., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

The Union National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth ave. and Wood st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906 between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m.

C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 7, 1905.

THE annual meeting of stockholders of this bank for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Forty-first and Butler streets, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

GEORGE SEEBICK, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Allegheny,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 224 Federal st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

J. D. KRAMER, Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

R. M. DAVIS, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 523 Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.

W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 6, 1905.

MEETING—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 noon and 12:30 p. m.

J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 238 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m.

W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Columbia National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.

WM. LOWRIE, Cashier.

The Federal National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m.

H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 6, 1905.

The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Carson and Twelfth streets, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m.

C. F. BEECH, Cashier.

The Industrial National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, 533 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

C. M. GERWIG, Cashier.

Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 226 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

W. F. BICKEL, Cashier.

Mellon National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 514 Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

M. T. MITCHELL, Cashier.

Pennsylvania Savings Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.

GEO. N. MORGAN, Cashier.

ELECTIONS.

The Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad Company.
NOTICE.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 5, 1905.

By authority of the directors and pursuant to law, the stockholders of The Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad Company are hereby summoned to a special meeting to be held at the principal office of said company in Youngstown, Ohio, on Monday, January 8, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m. (Central time), to consider and take action for the approval or rejection of an agreement for the merger and consolidation of The Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad Company with the New Castle & Beaver Valley Railroad Company.

S. B. LIGGETT, Secretary.

National Union Fire Insurance Company.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at its offices in the Arrott building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, January 8, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

E. E. COLE, Secretary.

The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh.
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, 409 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.

W. DWIGHT BELL,
Assistant Cashier and Secretary.

Real Estate Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 311 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1:30 and 2:30 p. m.

W. S. VAN DYKE, Sec. and Treas.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for TWELVE (12) DIRECTORS to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Forty-third and Butler streets, on Wednesday, January 10, 1906, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.

JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

DIAMOND NATIONAL BANK.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 6, 1905.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Fifth and Liberty aves., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

D. C. WILLS, Cashier.

Western Savings & Deposit Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 551 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.

CHARLES E. SCHUETZ, Cashier.

EAST END SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY,
Penn and Sheridan aves.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15, 1905.

The annual election for directors of this institution to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

JAMES B. LAWLER, Secretary.

German Savings and Deposit Bank,
Carson and South Fourteenth sts.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m.

J. F. ERNY, Cashier.

The Washington National Bank.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house at 927 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Devonian Oil Company will be held at the company's office, 1004 Columbia Bank building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 16, 1906, for the election of directors and other business that may come before the meeting.

J. H. EVANS, Secretary.

ELECTION—The annual election for officers of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of McCandless township will be held at election house of First precinct in said township on Monday, January 1, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m. By order of board.

R. GUYTON, Secretary.

First National Bank, Sewickley, Pa.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sewickley, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 7 p. m. and 8 p. m.

E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

The First National Bank.
Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 21, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sewickley, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m.

E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

Office of Real Estate Trust Company of Pittsburgh,
241 Fourth ave.,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared out of the earnings of the past quarter, the regular quarterly dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) PER CENT on the capital stock, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record on December 23, 1905. Transfer books will be closed from December 24, 1905, to January 2, 1906, inclusive. Checks will be mailed.

W. S. VAN DYKE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The United States National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20, 1905.

THE board of directors of this bank has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half (1½) per cent out of earnings, payable to shareholders of record December 22. Checks will be mailed.

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

Provident Trust Company,
Ohio and Chestnut sts.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 19, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this company has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT, payable January 2, 1906. Checks will be mailed.

H. C. ALBRECHT, Jr., Sec'y and Treas.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 18, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the Iron City Trust Company has this day declared a regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-QUARTER (1¼) PER CENT, out of the earnings of the past three months, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record December 20, 1905. Checks will be mailed.

EDWARD HOOPES, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20, 1905.

DIVIDEND No. 99—The board of directors of the Western Insurance Company has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three (3 per cent), payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record December 22, 1905. Checks will be mailed.

D. DALLAS HARE, Secretary.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 21, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENTUM on the capital stock, out of the earnings of the last six months, payable January 1, 1906.

JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

First National Bank,
Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 21, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the First National bank of Sewickley, Pa., have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent out of the earnings of the past six months, payable January 2, 1906. Checks will be mailed.

E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

South Side Trust Co. of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 21, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors has this day declared a dividend of ONE (1) PER CENT out of the earnings of the company, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record December 30, 1905. Checks will be mailed.

GEORGE KIRCH, Secretary.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 21, 1905.

CHRISTMAS DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of TWELVE (12) PER CENT, out of the earnings, payable forthwith, free of tax. Checks have been mailed.

J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE

Will be sold at auction, for account of whom it may concern, at No. 239

BOOM IN THE TRACTIONS; NEW HIGH PRICE FOR U. P.

These Specialties Helped to Maintain a Bull Market in the Face of Tight Money—Break in Light and Heat on the Local Board.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

A boom in the traction stocks, and heavy buying of Union Pacific, which carried that stock to a new high record, were the features in Wall street yesterday, and helped to maintain a bull market in the face of tight money. The dealings were on a large scale, the sales footing up 1,851,000 shares, and the tone was fairly firm at the close, despite extensive profit-taking.

At the opening the scarcity and high rates for money caused some hesitation, and a slight decline occurred. The buoyancy in the traction group, however, soon spread to the general list, which ruled active and strong until the final hour, when there was an all-round decline, but final sales were well above the lowest. Metropolitan Street Railway jumped to 130½, an advance of 10 points above the lowest of Thursday, and Metropolitan Securities rose from 80¾ to 86⅝. While this movement was in progress Interborough crossed 240 in the curb market, the highest ever quoted. The movement in these stocks carried Brooklyn Rapid Transit up 1 per cent through sympathy, but later when it was announced that the traction deal did not in any way include Brooklyn, that stock lost its gain. The details of the long-talked of traction deal were not forthcoming during business hours, but it was reported that Mr. Ryan had disposed of his holdings of Metropolitan to Mr. Belmont in the interests of Interborough, and that full details would be forthcoming very soon. The profit-taking which occurred late in the afternoon wiped out part of the earlier gains, but these stocks closed firm and scored the largest net advances for the day.

Another interesting feature of the market was the strength displayed by Pennsylvania. This stock has been so entirely neglected by the manipulators for weeks past as to become conspicuous in that respect, and the revival of activity at advancing prices was favorably construed. It was reported that a leading banking house had been accumulating the stock, and that it would now make up for lost time in the bull movement. Baltimore & Ohio was also strong and higher, and closed at an advance of 1 per cent. Union Pacific closed 1⅝ higher, Southern Pacific ⅝ higher, St. Paul ⅝, and Atchison ⅞ higher. The only important stock to close lower was New York Central, and the loss was only fractional.

There was less activity in the industrials, but as a rule the tone was firm. United States Steel stocks were more active than for some time past, and both issues closed slightly higher. Tennessee Coal and Iron was dull and heavy, closing at a loss of 2¾ per cent. Since the announcement of change of control the stock has steadily declined, on the theory that competitive buying has ceased. Colorado Fuel and Iron, on the other hand, has ruled strong, and yesterday closed at a net gain of 1¾ per cent.

The copper stocks were comparatively dull, and failed to participate in the advance in the remainder of the list. Anaconda closed 1 per cent lower, and Amalgamated Copper ⅛ lower. American Smelting closed unchanged for the day. Sugar was strong and closed 1⅝ higher.

Call loan rates averaged 14 per cent on the buffe of the business, the range being between 16 and 6 per cent, the final loan being 6 per cent. The preliminary estimates of the movements of currency indicate that the bank statement today may not be so unfavorable as feared at the beginning of the week, when the heavy shipments of currency to Chicago occurred.

The weakness in Manufacturers Light and Heat was the feature of the local stock market. On sales of a little more than 1,000 shares the stock declined to 33¾, and closed at practically the lowest, which is within a fraction of the low point of the year recorded last April. The decline naturally aroused fears regarding the maintenance of the dividend, but it can be semi-officially stated that the dividend will be declared and paid next month as usual. Despite the mild weather, the earnings of the company are said to be larger than last year. Ohio Fuel Supply sold off slightly, but the other gas stocks were unchanged. The strongest stock on the list was United Copper, which after selling down to 57⅜, made a quick recovery in the last few minutes of the session, and closed at 60 bid, a net gain of 2¾ per cent. The rise here followed the movement in the east, where the stock closed at 63½ bid. Tonopah Extension recovered Thursday's loss and ruled firm on the report that the company had closed a satisfactory contract with the American Smelting Company for the handling of its ores, and that the idea of building an independent smelter had been abandoned. Lustre Mining lost a dollar a share, selling at 35½. The rest of the market was dull but fairly steady. Crucible Steel common recovered to 13⅝, and the preferred to 69⅝. There was no trading in any of the Westinghouse issues.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

50 Riv. Coal pfd.	28	8 F. Proof pfd..	24½
10 Mfrs. L. & H.	35	$5500 Sew. Pipe 6s.	101½
8 do.	35	50 Ohio Fuel	.27
$6000 Ind. Brw. 6s.	103		

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

200 United Copper.	57½	10 Mfrs. L. & H..	34⅜
100 do.	57⅜	10 Riv. Coal pfd..	28
50 Mfrs. L. & H.	34⅜	400 Ohio Tonopah..	.27
10 do.	34⅜		

11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

500 Ohio Tonopah	.27	20 Mfrs. L. & H..	34⅝
40 United Copper.	57⅜	100 do.	34½
140 Mfrs. L. & H.	34⅜	10 do.	34½
160 do.	34⅜	50 Riv. Coal pfd..	28
10 do.	34⅝	100 Tonopah Ext...	5.55
10 do.	34½	100 do.	5.57
4 do.	34⅜	100 Crucible pfd.	69¼
100 do.	34⅜	100 do.	69¼
10 do.	34⅜	50 do.	68⅞
20 do.	34⅜		

12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

100 Tonopah Ext..	5.55	10 Mfrs. L. & H..	34
100 do.	5.57	10 Luster	35½
100 do.	5.60	10 do.	35½
100 do.	5.59	100 U. S. Stl. com..	38⅝
100 do.	5.60	25 P. Plate Glass	122
5 F. Proof com..	71½	50 do.	122
50 Mfrs. L. & H.	34⅜	5 P. Coal pfd....	61¾
90 do.	34¼	5 do.	61¾
10 do.	34¼	15 do.	61¾
10 do.	34¼	100 F. Proof pfd..	25
25 do.	34	1 do.	24½
40 do.	34	27 Ohio Fuel	38½
40 do.	34	$4000 Ind. Brw. 6s.	103
10 do.	34	$ 500 Sew. Pipe 6s.	101½
5 do.	34	$1000 do.	101½
60 do.	34	5 Federal N. B..	139
150 do.	34		

2:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.

50 Crucible com..	13½	20 Luster	35½
50 do.	13⅝	20 do.	35½
95 P. Plate Glass.	122	100 Crucible pfd....	69¼
100 Tonopah Ext...	5.60	50 do.	69¼
10 Luster	35½		

2:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

10 F. Brew. pfd.	47	50 United Copper.	58
70 Mfrs. L. & H.	34⅛	50 do.	59
150 do.	34	50 do.	59
50 do.	34	10 Sewer Pipe	33½
150 do.	34	10 Riv. Coal pfd..	28
60 do.	34	30 Crucible pfd....	69¼
10 do.	33¾	10 Ewalt St. Bdg.	50
50 do.	34	$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s	105
50 United Copper.	57⅜		
30 do.	57¾		

*Ex-div. †And int.

Summary.

STOCKS.	High	Low.	Last Sale.	C'ge.
Sales.				
100 Crucible Steel	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅛
420 Do preferred	69¾	69¼	69¼	+ ⅛
10 Ewalt St. Bridge	50	50	50	— ¼
5 Fire Proof	7½	7½	7½	— ¼
100 Do preferred	25	*24½	*24½	0
230 Luster	35½	35½	35½	—1
1622 Mfrs. L. & H.	35	33¾	33¾	—1¼
27 Ohio Fuel	38½	38½	38½	— ¼
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BONDS.				
$7000 Ind. Brew. 6s	108	108	108	0
1000 P., McK. & C. 5s	105	105	105	0
7000 Sewer Pipe 6s	†101½	†101½	†101½	0
$15000				

*Less than 10 shares. †And interest. ‡Ex-dividend or ex-interest.

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Pittsburgh Banks—			
Arsenal Bank	50	142	....
Farmers Deposit National	100	1100	....
Federal National	100	127	200
Fidelity Title and Trust	100	500	530
German National Bank	100	265	300
Iron City Trust	100	....	123
Real Estate Trust	100	....	230
Safe Deposit and Trust	100	....	400
Traders and Mechanics	50	70	....
Allegheny Banks—			
First National, Allegheny	100	....	155
Miscellaneous—			
*Independent Sewer Pipe	100	93¼	....
Consolidated Ice	50	5½	....
Do preferred	50	38	....
Crucible Steel	100	13⅜	....
Do preferred	100	69⅛	69¾
Harbison-Walker Company	100	12	12½
Luster Mining	10	35½	....
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	33¾	34
Marsden	100	2¾	3¼
Mt. Oliver Incline Plane	50	....	50
Monon. River Coal pfd.	50	27⅝	28
National Fire Proofing	50	7⅝	8
Do preferred	50	24⅞	25
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	100	....	50½
Peoples Pipage	25	25⅜	....
Philadelphia Company	50	51⅝	52
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	26½	26¾
Do preferred	50	47	....
Pittsburgh Coal	100	14⅜	....
Do preferred	100	61⅜	62
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	121½	123
Standard Underground Cable	100	200	201
Tonopah Extension Mining	1	....	5.57
Ohio Tonopah	1	....	.27
United States Glass	100	58	60
United States Steel	100	....	38½
Westinghouse Electric	50	87	87⅝
Ind. Brewing	50	....	14½
Do preferred	50	39⅝	39⅞
United Copper	100	60	....
BONDS.			
American Sewer Pipe 6s	....	101¾	....
Monongahela L. & P. 5s	....	100	....
Monongahela River Coal 6s	....	110	....
Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s	....	105	....
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	....	115
Ind. Brewing 6s	....	107¾	108

*Ex-div.

Unlisted Securities.

(Reported by Geo. W. MacMullen & Co.)

Stocks.	Bid.	Ask.
Kansas Natural Gas	40	41
Union Natural Gas	99	100
Fayette County Gas	94	97
Pure Oil	6½	7
Dominion Gas	....	70½
Rock Run Fuel Gas	....	45
Window Glass Machine com.	6	....
Do preferred	....	19
Monongahela Street Railway	....	43
Luna Park	90	95
Stewart Creek Mining Co.	....	62
Red Rock Mining Co.	....	.50
Golden Anchor Mining Co.	.52	....
Coast Range Mining Co.	.38	.45
Black Hills Copper (Ariz.)	.04	....
Trade Dollar	1	1.20
Reading Spring Mining Co.	.12	....
Bonds—		
*Pittsburgh Oil and Gas 6s	....	99
*Union Steel 5s	98¾	99½
Nat. Glass gen. mtg. 6s	97¼	....
*Ohio Valley Water	....	98½

Sales—

Shares.	Price.
1000 Black Hills Copper	.25
75 Golden Anchor Mining Co.	.32

*And interest.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Atchison	87⅛	American Sugar	151⅝
Do preferred	103½	Do preferred	129
Boston & Albany	263½	Am. Tel. & Tel.	138
Boston & Maine	171	American Woolen	42
*Boston Elevated	174½	Do preferred	105¼
*Mexican Central	24⅝	Dom. Iron & Steel	35½
N. Y. N. H. & H.	192¾	Mass. Gas	48⅝
Pere Marquette	52	United Fruit	104½
Union Pacific	142	United Shoe Mach.	72
Am. Arge. Chem.	23¼	Do preferred	31
†Do preferred	95	U. S. Steel	38⅝
Am. Pneu. Tube	10⅜	Do preferred	104⅝

*Bid. †Asked.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH

Bank exchanges increased more than $3,000,000 for the day.

Stock market less active, but with a few exceptions the tone was firm.

Manufacturers Light & Heat broke to 33¾, and closed heavy.

The other natural gas stocks were dull and barely steady.

United Copper made a strong rally and closed at the best.

IN WALL STREET

Stock market strong in the face of tight money.

Call loan rates advanced to 16 per cent and averaged 14 per cent.

Boom in the tractions caused some excitement.

Union Pacific advanced to the highest prices ever quoted.

Industrial shares less active and only fractionally changed.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The weakness in Manufacturers Light & Heat, which sold down to 33¾, or within ½ of the low price of the year, recorded last April, was responsible for much comment on the stock exchange. Pittsburgh has had several cases this year of the tape foreshadowing unfavorable developments, and it was natural for discussion to center on the Light & Heat dividend. It was stated yesterday, on what is believed to be entirely reliable authority, that the regular quarterly dividend on Light & Heat will be declared and paid next month. Despite the mild weather in November and December, it is said that the earnings of the company show an increase over the corresponding months last year, when the weather was unusually cold and the consumption of gas large. The source of the increased revenues of Light & Heat during the last two months is said to be the larger number of consumers now connected with the system, and the deliveries of gas so far in December have averaged 12,500,000 cubic feet a day more than for the same time last December. Regarding the gossip as to the financial condition of the company, it was authoritatively stated that the latter had recently paid off $100,000 on account of loans in connection with pipe line extensions. The weakness in Light & Heat had a depressing effect upon other natural gas stocks, but price changes were only fractional.

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Pittsburgh bank exchanges yesterday were $11,657,617, the largest for any day this year, and an increase of more than $3,000,000 over the same day last year.

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The report of the British Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company for the year ended July 31, received by mail, shows a gross profit of £113,409. After providing for debenture and loan interest, depreciation and further special expenditures, a loss of £15,407 is shown. After deducting the balance of £28,009 brought forward, there still remains £108,300 as a suspense account in the balance sheet. J. W. Cloud and Sir Joseph Lawrence, M. P., have retired from the board, and Newcomb Carlton, Vice President of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh, was elected a director. The London Financial Times says: "It is hoped that the shops are now so fully capable of dealing remuneratively with the increased volume of orders which the revival in the engineering industry should mean that the next report will show large increases in profits. The preference interest has not been paid for two years, but, as it is non-cumulative, the default does not mean a growing burden on future profits."

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The Farmers Deposit National bank originated the idea of surprising its stockholders with an extra dividend at Christmas time, and has maintained the custom by declaring an extra dividend of 12 per cent out of earnings, more than doubling the original disbursement of this kind, made some years ago.

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The Chartiers Trust Company, McKees Rocks, declared its regular 1½ per cent dividend for the quarter ending December 31, payable January 2, 1906.

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The Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent, payable February 10.

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The usual quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent on Pittsburgh Plate Glass has been declared, payable December 31 to stock of record December 26. The exchange ruled that purchases of the stock on Thursday carried the dividend.

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The Cleveland Electric Railway Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent, an increase of ¼ per cent over the previous payment. This places the stock on a 5 per cent basis. The dividend is payable January 5 to holders of record December 23.

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The New Orleans Railways & Light Company has declared its first quarterly dividend under the reorganization of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15 to holders of record December 30. It will be the policy of the company to hereafter declare quarterly dividends regularly at the same rate.

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The Detroit United Railways Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent, payable February 1.

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The Massachusetts Lighting companies have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent, an increase of ¼ per cent over the previous payment, payable January 15 to holders of record January 1.

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The directors of the German National bank of Pittsburgh have declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable January 4, out of the earnings of the past quarter. Books close December 28. The bank has recently been paying quarterly dividends of 2½ per cent and ½ per cent extra. The dividend is an increase, in that it makes the regular quarterly dividend 3 per cent.

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S. B. Chapin has been elected a member of the Pittsburgh stock exchange. Mr. Chapin is the senior member of S. B. Chapin & Co., members of the New York stock exchange.

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For three successive days this week a new high price for New York stock exchange seats has been recorded, a sale yesterday being reported at $32,000.

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No bids were received for the $2,419,000 city of Boston bonds offered for sale yesterday.

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The Eastern Consolidated Electric Company has levied an assessment of $5 a share on its stock, payable March 1. The company has also declared a dividend of $2 50 per share, payable on the same date. The dividend is to be credited by the treasurer on account of the assessment to holders of record February 17.

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The rally in United Copper on the Pittsburgh board from sales at 57⅜ to 60 bid at the close, occurred during the last few minutes of the session. In Boston the stock touched 63 in the final dealings, while in the New York curb market it was reported that it sold as high as 66, and the closing bid was 63½.

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Sales of North Butte in the Boston market yesterday foot up 2,891 shares, at prices ranging from 79¼ to 81, the final bid being 80½.

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It is reported that the net earnings of Atchison for November will show an increase of over $1,000,000. The official figures will be issued next week.

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Net earnings of Jersey Central for November increased $120,244.

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For the month of November gross earnings of 68 roads aggregated $73,462,944, an increase of $6,040,707, or 8.96 per cent. For the first week in December 41 roads report gross $9,611,600, an increase of $667,758, or 8.01 per cent. For the second week in December 29 roads report gross $8,205,099, an increase of $750,423, or 10.07 per cent.

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It is reported that the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia has secured control of the Columbus Railway & Light Company. The price of the Columbus stock has recently advanced 20 points.

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The government authorities are now depositing the $11,000,000 in the banks for the Panama canal. This ought to ease the market next week.

Chicago Stocks.

American Can	9¼	Quaker Oats	154
Do preferred	89½	Do preferred	104
Chicago Subway	49¼	Swift & Co.	101
Chicago Edison	150	Met. El. pfd.	89⅞
Chicago Telephone	135	N. W. El. com.	25⅜
Diamond Match	143½	No. Chi. St. R.	81
National Biscuit	67	W. Chi. St. R.	54
Do preferred	114½	Ill. Brick Co.	64
Q. Oats com. rets.	150		

Government Bonds.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	102¾	U. S. old 4s, reg.	102¾
Do coupon	103¼	Do coupon	103¼
U. S. 3s, reg.	102¾	U. S. new 4s, reg.	130½
Do coupon	102¾	Do coupon	130½

COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices, reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., 404 Wood street, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges, and Chicago board of trade:

ACTIVE LIST.

STOCKS. Sales	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bids.
12000 Atch., T. & S. F.	86½	88¼	86½	87⅜
100 Do preferred	104	104	104	104
7200 Am. Cotton Oil	35⅜	36⅜	35⅜	36⅛
29700 Am. Sugar Ref.	150⅜	151	150¼	151⅝
6200 Am. Locomotive	67	68⅝	67	68⅜
200 Do preferred	116⅜	116⅜	116⅜	118⅝
1900 Am. Car Foundry	29	29⅜	29	29⅜
100 Do preferred	99	99	99	99
35900 Amal. Copper	98¼	99	98	98¾
9600 Anaconda Copper	192¾	193	191	191⅜
12200 Am. Sm. & Ref.	160	162	160	161⅛
100 Do preferred	127⅜	127⅜	127⅜	127⅜
Amer. Woolen	47½	47¾	47½	47¾
17800 Balt. & Ohio	113¼	113⅝	111¾	112⅜
200 Do preferred	98⅝	98¼	98¼	98¼
144000 Brook. Rap. Tran.	99⅛	91⅝	89⅝	90
20500 Canadian Pacific	173	174⅜	172⅞	173⅝
900 Central Leather	46½	46¾	45	46
500 Chicago & G. W.	20⅞	20⅞	20¾	20⅞
7106 Consolidated Gas	179	180	178¾	178¾
800 C., C., C. & St. L.	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾
2200 Ches. & Ohio	54¾	55¾	54¾	54⅝
5200 Chicago & N. W.	219¾	222	219¾	221¾
28500 Col. Fuel & Iron	84⅞	86¾	83⅝	85⅝
100 Corn Product	15	15	15	15
400 Do preferred	56	56¼	56	56
900 Col. Southern	28	28⅝	28	28¼
2500 Do 2d pfd.	47	47¾	47	47⅜
112000 Erie	47⅛	47⅝	46⅞	47⅛
100 Do 1st pfd.	79⅜	79⅞	79⅜	79⅞
600 Do 2d pfd.	72¾	73¼	71⅞	72
900 General Electric	174⅜	178⅝	174⅜	176
Hock. Val. pfd.	94½	94⅝	94½	94½
4200 Illinois Central	176	178	173¾	176
500 Iowa Central	28⅛	28⅜	28	28⅜
400 Do preferred	58½	58½	58	58½
1000 Inter. Paper	23¾	23¾	22⅝	23
2400 Do preferred	85	85	83¾	84⅜
4900 Louis. & Nash.	151	151⅝	150⅝	151
1200 Manhattan	162½	164	162½	164
2100 Mo. Pacific	102¾	103⅜	102	103½
3200 M., K. & T.	37⅜	37⅞	37⅜	37½
400 Do preferred	70¾	71	70¾	71
145200 Metropolitan	128½	130½	126	128⅝
106800 Do Securities	80½	85½	80½	83
4400 Mexican Central	25⅛	25¾	25	25⅛
1400 National Lead	85¼	88½	85	85¾
National Biscuit	68	68	68¾	68¾
N. Y. Air Brake	163	163	162	162
13900 N. Y. Central	151¾	151⅝	150⅝	151
1900 N. Y., Ont. & W.	51	51⅜	51	51⅝
4800 Nort. & Western	83¾	84½	83¾	83⅝
400 Do preferred	90	90	90	90
1400 Nor. Amer. Co.	98⅝	99⅜	98	98⅜
1300 Nor. Pacific	204	204⅝	204	204⅝
5600 Peoples Gas	99⅝	100⅜	99⅝	100⅜
1800 Pacific Mail	48¼	48¼	48	48
400 Pressed Steel Car.	54¼	54¼	54¼	54¼
147500 Penna. R. R.	141⅜	142⅜	141¼	142⅛
3600 P., C., C. & St. L.	84⅜	87	83⅞	84⅝
Do preferred	107	108½	107	108
Pgh. Coal pfd.	62	62	62	62
Railway Springs	59	59	58¾	58¾
28700 Reading	136⅞	138¼	136⅜	137⅜
400 Do 1st pfd.	91⅝	92	91⅜	92
200 Do 2d pfd.	96	96	96	96
1100 Rock Island	23¾	23⅞	23	23¼
1200 Do preferred	62⅜	62⅜	61⅝	61⅜
1700 Republic Iron	33½	33	33¼	33
200 Do preferred	102¼	102	102¼	102⅜
35100 So. Pacific	67⅞	68⅜	67¾	68⅛
3200 So. Railway	34⅞	35¼	34¾	35⅛
200 Do preferred	99¾	100	99¾	100
St. Paul	180¼	181⅝	180¼	180¾
St. Louis & S. W.	....	....	....	22
100 Do preferred	59	59	59	58
900 Tenn. Coal & Iron	136½	137¾	136½	136⅝
100 Texas & Pacific	....	....	....	25
600 Tol., St. L. & W.	36	36¾	36	36½
300 Do preferred	57½	57⅝	57½	57⅝
74200 U. S. Steel	37⅞	38¼	37⅞	38⅜
28200 Do preferred	104¼	105⅛	104¼	104⅝
Do 2d 5% bonds	96⅝	96¾	96½	96⅝
202300 Union Pacific	147	149⅝	146⅞	149½
1200 U. S. Rubber	52⅜	53¼	52⅛	53¼
200 Do preferred	....	....	....	115
U. S. Cast Iron P.	43⅜	44¼	43½	44¼
Do preferred	92⅜	92⅝	82⅜	92⅜
100 Wabash	20½	20⅝	20½	20⅝
200 Do preferred	40¼	40¾	40¼	40¾
100 West. Un. Tel.	92⅜	92⅝	90¾	92¾
400 Wisconsin Central	29	29	28¾	28¾
500 Do preferred	60	60¾	60	60¾
700 Sales	87½	89¼	87½	87⅜
13800 Distillers Corpn.	53¼	53⅝	52⅞	52⅝
Nickel Plate	71	71	70¾	70¾
30900 Va. Chemical	46¾	49	46¾	48⅞

1,381,000, total sales.

INACTIVE LIST.

STOCKS. Sales	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bids.
1500 Am. Steel F'dries.	....	13⅞	13½	13⅞
2000 Do preferred	....	50	47¼	50
1800 Am. Hide & L.	....	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜
6700 Do preferred	....	42¾	39¼	42
500 Am. Malt pfd.	....	24¼	24¼	24¼
100 A. Tob. pfd. new.	....	105⅜	105⅜	105⅜
500 Am. Linseed	....	20¾	20	20¾
1700 American Woolen	....	41¼	41¼	41½
1200 Am. Beet Sugar	....	31½	30	30
Brooklyn Un. Gas	....	180	180	180
900 Chicago Un. Trac.	....	12½	10¾	12¼
100 Chi. Ter. Trac.	....	14¼	14¼	14¼
D. S. S. & A.	....	20	19½	20
Do preferred	....	40⅜	39½	40½
100 Denver pfd.	....	39	39	39
400 Hock. Coal & Iron	....	18	18	18
100 Int. Pump pfd.	....	80	80	80
100 Kanawha & Mich.	....	53¾	53¾	53¾
1200 Kan. City & So.	....	35	34	35
9600 Do preferred	....	68	66	68
1600 Long Island R. R.	....	71	68½	70¼
1800 M. St. P. & S. S. M.	....	140	138½	139½
100 Do preferred	....	166¾	166¾	166¾
Met. Securities	....	85½	80¾	83
200 Minn. & St. Louis	....	79¾	79¼	79¾
200 Do preferred	....	102	101¾	102
400 M. K. & T. com.	....	37⅜	37⅜	37½
400 N. Y. Airbrake	....	162	162	162
200 Pgh. Coal pfd.	....	62	62	62
100 Rubber Goods	....	41½	41½	41½
700 San Fran. 2d pfd.	....	50¼	49¾	49¾
400 Sloss	....	85¾	87½	87¾
5200 Third Avenue	....	132	127	131½
100 Twin City	....	116¼	116¼	116¼
100 Un. Bag & Paper	....	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞
300 Do preferred	....	82	81⅜	81⅜
Va. Car.—Chem.	....	46	46¾	45⅞
Do preferred	....	115⅜	115¼	115¼
Gt., North. pfd.	....	287	286½	286½
Un. Ry. Invest.	....	90	88¾	88¾
Do preferred	....	89⅝	89⅜	89½
109 Kinickbocker Ice.	....	65⅜	61¼	62
Int. Silver	....	35⅜	33¾	33⅜
900 Allis-Chalmers	....	22	21¾	22
500 Do preferred	....	82¼	82	82¾
200 U. S. Reduction	....	30¾	30	30
200 Do preferred	....	67¾	67¾	67¾

Total, $3,264,000.

NEW YORK BOND MARKET.

Following is a record of sales on the New York stock exchange yesterday, reported over the private wires of Whitney, Stephenson & Co., Frick building:

(Sales in $1,000.)

5 Am H & L 6s	100	15 Dis Sec Cor 5s	83½
59 Am Ice deb 6s	87½	10 Erie cv 4s A	106⅝
13 Am Tob 4s	80¾	1 Jap 5s	98⅝
8 Am Tob 4s	80¾	10 Jap 5s 2nds	98½
76 do	80¼	13 do	98⅜
10 do	80	7 do	98⅜
15 do	80½	45 Jap 4½s 1st	92⅝
15 Atch 4s	102¾	5 do	92⅝
6 do	102⅝	55 do	92
10 do	102⅜	100 do	92⅛
5 do	102¾	8 do	92
100 Atch cv 4s	102¾	10 do	92
25 do	102⅝	5 Jap 4½s new 2d	93½
19 A C L 4s	101¼	3 do	93¾
12 B & O SW 3½s	92⅜	10 do	93⅝
110 B R T cv 4s	100	10 I Central 4s	86
10 do	100¼	10 Ia Central 5s	102
17 do	100¾	65 Met St Ry 5s	114¼
39 do	100½	50 Met ref 4s	90
10 do	100½	45 do	89⅝
39 do	100⅝	18 do	89⅝
11 Brooklyn Un El	....	15 Mex Cen con 4s	92¾
1st 6s	111½	5 M K & O 5s	108
19 Cen Ga 2d inc 5s	81	5 M P coupon 4s	93½
15 Cen Lr 5s	100⅝	7 N Y C deb 4s	100¾
7 do	100¾	5 do	100¼
35 Cen Pac 1st	101⅜	8 do	100⅝
10 do	101½	5 N Y C 2½s	83¾
10 C B Q 4s	102	16 N Y C L S 3½s	89¾
24 do	101⅜	10 N & W 4s	101⅜
12 do	101¾	10 Nor Pac 4s	105⅛
5 Chgo & East Ills 5s	118	30 Nor Pac St P & D 4s	100¼
5 Chgo Mil St P S M 6s	119½	45 Ore S L fdg 4s	95⅜
C R I P ref 4s	95	65 do	95½
25 C R I Ry 4s	95⅝	19 Penna 3½s	99
5 Col Ind 5s A	77½	8 do	98⅞
5 do	77½	13 So Pac ref 4s	88⅜
5 do	77⅝	ctfs	97⅞
4 do	77¾	8 So Ry 5s	124
10 do	77¾	10 do	124⅝
45 do	77⅞	32 Stan R & T 6s	107
30 Col Ind 6s B	77	18 U S S S F 5s	96⅝
10 do	77¾	17 do	96⅝
18 do	77¾	5 do	96⅜
13 do	77¾	15 do	96½
13 do	77¾	23 do	96⅞
50 do	77¾	6 do

LIBERTY AVENUE SALE OF $50,000

Miller Property at No. 328 Is Bought by Local Investor. John Larkin Makes Sale.

EXCHANGE DEAL OF $165,000

An instance of how quickly a new turn in real estate matters may cause a rise in values and how precarious is the fortune of the average broker is seen in the sale of the property of the A. D. Miller estate at 328 Liberty avenue for $50,000 through the Samuel W. Black company. For over a year the property has been listed on brokers' books at $47,500, and the first of this week even the owners were anxiously awaiting a favorable reply from a prospective customer who had offered $45,000 and was being coaxed up $2,500 more by his broker. Before this could be accomplished another man scented higher values ahead as a result of the move of the commission men to Ferry street, which, it is predicted, will be a great impetus in a business way to the district between Market and Ferry streets.

The Miller lot measures 22x68 feet on the south side of the avenue, and has erected on it a three-story brick building occupied as a wholesale liquor house by Auerbach & Schneider. The purchase, which was made by a local investor, is at the rate of $2,273 a front foot, or $33 42 a square foot. The rear of the lot is almost at the corner of Redoubt alley, from which it is entered by a private alley. A few months ago O. Nicola paid $45,000 for the W. G. Schmidt lot adjoining at 330 Liberty avenue, which is practically the same size. This was then considered a high price for the property, but the present deal shows the purchase to have been a good one.

Controller John B. Larkin has sold to I. Cohen, the harness merchants, his property at 1424 Fifth avenue, near Stevenson street, for $35,000. It measures 21x115 feet, and is improved with an ordinary three-story brick store building. The sale is for $1,667 a front foot, or $14 49 a square foot.

Trades Flats for Squirrel Hill Frontage.

Through the office of J. N. Straub & Co., John P. Ober, treasurer of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company, has bought one of the two Shadyside apartment houses on the north side of Center avenue, just east of the Pennsylvania railroad, for about $120,000. The building, a four-story pressed brick on 70x175 feet, was erected last year by the Shadyside Land Company, which was formed by Dr. John H. Mosby, president of the Continental Trust Company, for that purpose. It contains 19 suites of five and six rooms each, all of which are previded with tile baths, steam heat and electric lights. They are all rented at from $45 to $60 a month, the total rental being about $10,000 a year. In part payment for the apartment house Mr. Ober tendered the following vacant plots on Squirrel Hill: 152x40 feet in Shady avenue near Hastings street, opposite Schoen's woods, and extending through to Denniston avenue, where it has a frontage of 194 feet; 100x150 feet on the east side of Beechwood boulevard, between Hastings street and Linden avenue, and 157x120 feet on the north side of Linden avenue near the boulevard. This frontage was put into the deal at about $45,000. The lots are all well located and were taken for an investment, no building being contemplated at present. The other Shadyside apartment house, which stands on the lot adjoining the one sold, is now being finished and nine of the 19 suites have already been rented.

$100,000 Natatorium for Oakland.

Oakland is likely to get a $100,000 natatorium as the result of the formation of the Oakland Natatorium Company, which will shortly apply for a charter. A prospectus of the scheme shows that the building will be erected in Atwood street, in the rear of the Carnegie apartments, the site being part of the old W. DeWees Wood homestead, on which the former Wood residence still stands. It will be a two-story buff brick building and will have, it is said, the largest swimming pool of any natatorium in this part of the country. Turkish, shower and plunge baths are to be provided in large numbers, and the plans of the promoters show that the building will be away ahead of anything that Pittsburgh now boasts of in this line. The prime mover in the project is J. J. Flannery, Jr. The incorporators named in the charter application are J. M. Flannery, secretary of the Flannery Bolt Company; C. B. Aylesworth, president of the Oakland Savings & Trust Company; Attorney Charles D. Gillespie and Dr. S. C. Milligan. If the charter is granted the building will be started early in January.

The Aronson Realty Company sold to a local attorney 1221 Colwell street, between Logan and Elm streets, for $13,750. The lot is 40x95 feet, and has on it two buildings in Colwell street and three houses in Clark street.

George R. Evans has sold to the Inter-Urban Land Company 129x15 feet at Enoch and Greenville streets, Eleventh ward, for $10,000.

Can't Get Houses Done by April 1.

The rush of Christmas shopping does not stop the discussion of "moving day." Landlords and large property owners are coming to the front with out-and-out expressions favoring the proposition to change the date to May 1. A very good reason advanced by builders for this change is that many years the bad weather in February and March makes it absolutely impossible to get new houses done by April 1. During April the weather is usually such as to permit of rapid progress in building and by May 1 the owner of a lot of new houses would have them in good shape for tenants. Years ago, when all the house-building was done in the summer, this made no difference, but now a large amount of such work is started in the fall, and tenants very often have to move into houses that are not dry and are wholly unfit for use from a standpoint of health.

Along with the "moving day" agitation the matter of stopping quit notices is receiving much attention. On this point David P. Black, president of the Real Estate Trust Company, is emphatically in favor of the new form of lease, which makes the sending of quit notices unnecessary. These notices are easily obtainable and read, "and at the end of the term to deliver up quiet and peaceful possession of said premises without any further notice from said lessor." This language is not offensive, as the words of the ordinary quit notice are, and serves the same purpose.

Deals Made by Brokers.

Oakland—The Real Estate Trust Company sold for Patrick Waldron to George Sulyak an improved lot, 25x93 feet, at the southeast corner of Bates and Frazier streets, Fourteenth ward, for $3,000.

Kirkpatrick street—S. Arnold & Co. sold for C. Magee, Jr., to S. Harris and H. Brennan five houses facing in Kirkpatrick and Perry streets, Eleventh ward, for $8,000; for J. Grossman, 39x75 feet at Bedford avenue and Kirkpatrick street, Thirteenth ward, for $2,400.

Winthrop street—The Aronson Realty Company sold for Joseph P. Smith to Michael Fitzgerald a frame house on 22x80 feet in Winthrop street, near Neville street, for $2,500.

Greenfield—The Diamond Real Estate Company sold for Julius Spandau lot No. 243, 25x96 feet, in Melbourne street, Kishon plan No. 1, for $625.

James W. Drape & Co. report the following sales: A brick residence, near Taylor avenue, Second ward, Allegheny, for about $3,000; a house and lot near Homewood avenue, East End, for $6,500; a frame house on 40x110 feet in Penn avenue, near Ligonier street, for $5,000. The same firm reports having placed these mortgages: Thirty thousand dollars on a business property near the Union station, at 5 per cent, $7,500 on four houses in Sewickley; $4,000 on a residence near the park in Allegheny; $5,000 on Penn avenue property near Thirty-third street; three mortgages of $2,000, $2,100 and $2,000 on residence properties on Mt. Washington; two mortgages of $700 and $500 on residence property in Bennett and Sterrett streets, East End; $5,000 on a house on Herron Hill, all at 6 per cent.

South Side—Lizzie Olnhausen sold to Herman W. Kelin an improved lot, 60x60 feet, at the northwest corner of South Twentieth street and Fox alley, for $5,000.

Erin street—Rosa L. Shulgold sold to Henry Wolkind an improved lot, 26x133 feet, on the east side of Erin street, near Webster avenue, Thirteenth ward, for $3,100.

Augustine street—Chester West sold to William Stephens an improved lot, 20x77 feet, in Augustine street, Twenty-third ward, for $1,900.

Transfers Recorded.

Bair H C to F H Miller, Dec 2, 13th wd, Pgh, 20x68, Humber alley.....$ 1,550
Remy Bernard to Elizabeth Remy, Dec 18, Union twp, 38x192, Short ave..... 2,500
Headland E to E Hanna, Nov 29, 1st wd, Carnegie, 25x104, Railroad ave..... 2,200
Stein Harry M to Max Sakolsky, Nov 27, 11th wd, Pgh, 17x88, Webster ave..... 5,000
Lands Samuel to Nathan Gudin, Nov 29, 9th wd, Pgh, 21x62, Clark st..... 8,000
Stept Morris to Samuel Lands, Nov 29, 8th wd, Pgh, 21x42, Clark st..... 8,000
Whitfield Wm H to Geo D Clowes, Dec 4, 18th wd, Pgh, 40x100, Heath st..... 2,200
Hulem E H to S W Hills, Dec 15, Edgewood, 20x109, Trenton ave..... 5,750
Peters W T to F C Chaplin, Nov 1, Sewickley, 99x145, Frederick ave..... 2,500
Fisher David to F Finney, Mch 2, Elizabeth twp, 150 acres..... 4,500
McKenna Chas F to Alice Toomy, Dec 14, 11th wd, Pgh, 18x72, Cassatt st..... 3,500
Born Jno C to M A Krug, Dec 7, 20th wd, Pgh, 55x98, Elmer st..... 10,500
Same to same, Dec 2, 20th wd, Pgh, 127x89, Walnut st..... 52,500
Kleber L P to M I Stanger, Oct 19, 11th wd, Alley, 40x160, McClure ave..... 1,500
Weigel F A to Ethel Hughes, Dec 1, Jefferson twp, 1 acre..... 1,000
Callahan P A to J V Ross, Dec 15, Pine twp, 43 acres..... 1,000
Tinstman A G to R F Eyler, Dec 5, Turtle Creek, 20x90, Maple ave..... 1,200
Egan Fred W to Wm Adamek, Dec 6, 2d wd, East Pgh, 20x100, Franklin st..... 2,400
Arbuckle Frank to P J Duff, Nov 23, Avalon, 25x150, Marie ave..... 3,000
Schwan Chas to D M McFarron, Nov 15, 19th wd, Pgh, 80x132, Baywood st... 6,500
Same to same, Nov 15, Reserve tfp. 25 lots, Beckert Bros. plan..... 5,000
Underwood C to John Sauter, Dec 4, 5th wd, Alley, 25x150, Pennsylvania ave..... 6,150
Neals H F to B C Miller, Nov 27, Bellevue, 50x187, Rodgers ave..... 1,600
Teitelemann H to Carrick R E & Impt Co, Dec 12, Carrick, 97x140, William st. 1,300
Stengel Geo H to Rosina Barle, June 28, 14th wd, Alley, 50x150, Hill st..... 1,100
Sterling Hugh to H Chalfant, Dec 14, S Fayette twp, 428 acres..... 20,000
Powell Geo N to Jno E Rem, Dec 2, 20th wd, Pgh, 137x80, Walnut st..... 25,000
Say W H to A S Liggett, Sept 23, Crafton, 53x110, Oregon st..... 1,800
Murdock H D to M A Forsythe, Dec 14, 2d wd, Wilkinsburg, 25x83, West st..... 4,900
Edwards J W to Wm Strothers, Dec 9, 21st wd, Pgh, 20x109, Park ave..... 2,125
McKean J S to T P Harrigan, Dec 21, Sharpsburg, 24x107, Cliff st..... 1,750
Hahn Chas A to F W Pilcram, Dec 9, Aspinwall, 25x100, Fifth st..... 3,800
Liggett A S to Geo W Colwell, Dec 6, Crafton, 53x110, Oregon st..... 2,500
Palter Reuben to Ben Heller, Dec 12, 11th wd, Pgh, 22x120, Enoch st..... 1,150
Whitfield W H to Geo D Clowes, Dec 4, 18th wd, Pgh, 40x100, Heath st..... 2,200
Bessemer Securities Co to A T Stevenson, Dec 1, Bellevue 31x138, Thomas ave 9,000
Coen A E to W S Paulson, Dec 12, Wilkinsburg, 24x122, Holland st..... 6,000
Tinstman A A to R H Reed, Dec 5, Turtle Creek, 20x90, Maple ave..... 1,200
Baldridge J Jr to A Blyston, Oct 11, N Braddock, 42x53, Coalmont ave..... 1,500
Beaty Susanna to Frederick Huch, Dec 21, 6th wd, Pgh, 21x80, Sellers st..... 8,000
Bd of Tr. Diocese of Pgh, to A S Kress, Dec 15, 21st wd, Pgh, 160x125, Kelly st..... 7,000
Squirrel Hill Land Co to Dinah Harris, Nov 2, 23d wd, Pgh, 38x120, Murray ave 2,100
Farrell Geo L to E P Landis, Dec 8, 21st wd, Pgh, 25x92, Hermitage st..... 4,000
Ehrenburg Frank to W Barber, Dec 20, Robinson twp, 62x120, Yale st..... 3,500

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: Although this is the Christmas week, a moderately active business has been accomplished by several of the large houses. All dealers concede that the situation is in excellent shape and values are stronger. The steady interest in the market which buyers are showing is evidently but the forerunner of active operating after the heavy weight season gets under way. Australian crossbreds and merinos had a fairly good movement at 42@44c. Fine clothing territory went actively at 70c, while fine medium brought about 65c. Ohio fine delaine is becoming stronger and the stocks remaining are being held at quotations approximating as high as 28c. XX Ohio sold moderately at 35c. Three-eighths and quarters brought 34c and 33½@34c respectively. A considerable amount of fleeces is being held in Ohio and Michigan at prices which dealers do not care to pay. Scoured wools are very firm and are considered good property at prices ranging up to 70c for No. 1 fine New Mexico. Some moderate sales have been made at full prices. A little speculation among dealers has been attempted, but nothing material resulted. Texas and California wools have been selling in a way at former prices. The shipments of wool from Boston to date from December 29, 1904, according to the same authority, are 234,562,813 pounds, against 252,882,148 pounds at the same time last year. The receipts to date are 310,279,735 pounds, against 310,965,676 pounds for the same period last year.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Butter market firm; creamery, 17@24½c; dairies, 17@20c. Eggs firm at mark, cases included, 18@23c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 26c; extras, 28c. Cheese firm at 15½@16c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Butter firm; receipts 4,502 pounds. Street price—Creamery, 25@25½c. Official prices unchanged. Cheese firm; receipts, 1,955 pounds. State full cream, small and large, colored and white, October best, 13@13½c. Eggs strong; receipts, 4,547 cases. State, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white, 38@39c; do choice, 33@35c; do mixed, extra, 32@33c; western finest selected, 29@30c; do average, best, 25c; southern, 22@25c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Butter firm; prints, 1c higher; extra western creamery, 26c; extra nearby prints, 23c. Eggs firm; nearby fresh, 28c at mark; western fresh, 28c at mark. Cheese quiet; New York full cream, fancy, 13¾@14c; choice, 13½c; fair to good, 12¾@13½c.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The drygoods market today remained quiet as is usual during the holiday season. Sellers generally were confident in the future. In certain quarters there was evidence that buyers were willing to operate more extensively for the future, especially on such lines as show evidence of advance in the near future.

London Wool Market.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A sale of Cape of Good Hope and Natal sheepskins was held here today. The offerings numbered 69,539 skins and all were sold. The supply was light and in good condition. Competition was strong, especially for short-shorn, which advanced ½d. Extra long wooled skins were firm and coarse was in good request.

TURKEY IS THE BIRD FOR CHRISTMAS FEAST

Demand Is Greater in Some Cases Than at Thanksgiving and Prices Are Advancing.

Turkeys formed the principal feature of the produce market yesterday. There was very little trade outside of turkeys, and merchants were surprised at the big demand for this fowl. In some cases it was much stronger than at Thanksgiving. It is expected today that a 20-cent market will be reached for dressed goods and about a 13-cent market for live. The live market was steady at 18 cents yesterday and the arrivals were not as heavy as had been expected.

The trade during the entire holiday season has been very good in Christmas greens and a huge amount of this stuff has been disposed of in the local market. Perhaps the quantity sold this year will be larger by this evening than was ever sold in any previous year. The variety has been much larger than ever before.

The egg situation is practically unchanged. The receipts of strictly high-class goods are slightly higher than a few days ago, but they are still not up to the demand. Reports from the surrounding country that the receipts will not grow much heavier for a few days, as farmers do not seem disposed to gather the eggs.

Another article on which the market has been very firm is suckling pigs. These were disposed of at fancy prices all day yesterday and prices far above quotations were brought in some instances.

HAY AND GRAIN.

Receipts.

Receipts yesterday were: Pennsylvania lines, 36 cars hay, 8 cars oats, 8 cars corn, 2 cars feed and 3 cars straw; Baltimore & Ohio, 17 cars hay, 5 cars oats, 3 cars straw; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 9 cars hay, 2 cars oats, 2 cars corn and straw.

The general market shows little change. Receipts are ample, and as the trade does not have to buy any more than what is absolutely needed, it may be called "a sort of hand to mouth affair" until after the first of the year.

No. 1 timothy.....$13.00@13.25
No. 2 do.....$11.50@12.00
No. 1 clover.....$11.00@11.50
No. 2 clover.....$9.00@9.50
No. 1 mixed.....$10.50@11.00
No. 2 mixed.....$9.75@10.25
Straw, oat.....$7.75@8.25
do wheat.....$8.00@8.50
do rye.....$8.75@9.00
No. 2 white oats.....36½@36¾c
No. 3 white oats.....35¾@36¼c
No. 4 oats.....35@35½c
No. 1 white middlings.....$20.50@21.00
No. 2 middlings.....$19.75@20.25
do brown.....$18.50@18.75
Bran, ton.....$17.00@17.50
Wheat, No. 2 red, new, at mill.....75@80c
Corn—New yellow shelled.....48@50c
New high mixed.....47@48c
New yellow car.....49@50c
No. 2 Michigan rye.....74@75c

FRUITS.

Apples, bbls, Kings, fancy.....$5.00@5.50
Other fancy varieties.....$4.00@4.50
do choice.....$3.00@3.50
do California box.....$3.00@3.25
Lemons, Messinas, fancy.....$4.00@4.50
do choice.....$4.00@4.50
Oranges, Florida.....$3.25@3.50
Navel.....$3.50@4.00
California.....$3.25@3.75
Cocoanuts, bags.....$3.25@3.50
do doz.....45@50c
Bananas, 1st.....$1.50@2.00
do 2nds.....$1.00@1.50
Pineapples, smooth Cayennes.....$4.00@4.50
do Kiefers, hamper.....75@90c
Pears, bbls.....$3.00@3.50
Limes, per 100.....$2.00@2.50
Dates, stuffed.....18c
Figs, California, box.....$1.00
Layer, lb.....10@12c
Grapes, Malaga, bbl.$5.00@5.50
do fancy.....$5.00@7.00
Grape fruit, Florida.....$4.50@5.00

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.
Prints.....27½@28c
Tubs.....26½@27½c
Ohio cream.....24½@25½c
Dairy.....18@19c
Cooking.....17½@18½c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream, new.....14@14½c
Ohio full cream.....13@14½c
do ¼ cream.....13@13½c
do Pioneer.....14½@15½c
do Wis. Swiss, tubs.....16@15½c
do block.....14½@15c
do cubes.....5.00c
do coffee A.....4.55c
do No. 1 yellow.....4.42c
do No. 2 yellow.....4.30c
Peans.
Navy, choice, H. P.....$1.80@1.90
Red kidney.....$3.25@3.30
Cal. lima, lb.....5@5½c
Peas, dried, bu.....$1.30@1.35
do split, lb.....3¾c
do marrowfat, bu.....$1.75@1.85
Oil, carbon, 110 deg.....12c
do water white.....13c
do Ohio W. W, 150 deg.....12½c
do Elaine.....13c
Miners' oil, special brands.....26@43c
Rice, ex-fancy head, lb.....6¼@7c
do fancy Japan.....4¾@5c
do choice, Carolina.....5½@6c
Salt, No. 1, bbl.....$1.10
do No. 1 extra.....$1.20
do gran. rock.....95c
do pocket.....$1.65@2.10
do dairy.....$1.10
Lentils, fancy "G-O," lb.....4½@5½c
Sauerkraut, 40-gal cask.$7.50@8.00
do 20-gal keg.$3.50@3.75
do bbls.....$5.50@6.00
Honey, combed, w. c., fancy, lb.....17@18c
do choice.....15@16c
do buckwheat, 15@16c

PRODUCE.

Potatoes.....75@80c
Sweet potatoes, Va., bbls.$1.75@2.00
do Jersey fancy, bbl.....$2.00@3.50
Jersey sweets, crates.....$1.15@1.25
do med., bbl.....$1.75@2.00
do fancy, hamper.....$1.00@1.25
Onions, yellow Danvers, bu.....70@80c
do Spanish, crates.....$1.40@1.50
do yellow Danvers, bbls.....$2.00@2.25
Silver skins, bbls.....$5.00@6.00
do bu.....$1.75@2.00
Cabbage, domestic, bbl.....$1.00@1.25
do G. S.....$1.50@1.75
do red.....$1.75@2.00
do Savoy, bbls.....$1.00@1.25
Green peppers, crate.....$2.00@2.50
Green onions, bu.....$2.00@2.50
Wax beans, bu.....$2.50@3.00
Celery, Ohio, large bunches.....40@50c
do small bunches.....20@25c
California celery, crates.....$4.50@5.00
do doz.....75@85c
Suckling pigs.....12½@15c
Lettuce, bskt.....40@50c
do hampers.....$2.00@2.00
Head lettuce, bbls.....$3.50@4.50
Spinach, bskt.....50@60c
Rutabagas, bbl.....$1.15@1.25
Cranberries, box.....$8.00@8.50
do bbls.....$12.00@15.00
Eggplant, crt.....$3.00@4.50
Horseradish.....$5.50@6.00
Watercress, doz.....25@30c
Cauliflower, bbls.....$4.50@5.00
Carrots, bbls.....$1.75@2.00
Cucumbers, Boston, doz.....$1.50@1.75
Turnips, bbl.....$1.50@1.75
do bu.....50@60c
Beets, bbls.....$1.50@1.75
Squash, marrow, fats, bbl.....$1.75@2.00
Hubbard, bbl.....$1.50@1.75
Popcorn, lb.....4@5c
Mint, doz.....50@55c
Parsley, doz.....40@50c
Parsnips, bbls.$2.00@2.25
Horseradish.....$5.50@6.00
Herbs—Sage, doz.....20@25c
Summer savory, doz.....20@25c
Thyme, doz.....20@25c
Sweet marjoram, doz.....20@25c
Brussels sprouts, quarts.....14@15c
Radishes, doz.....20@25c
Shallots.....50@60c

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, sta. pie.$1.05
do pie, gal.$2.50@3.00
do California, L.....$1.80@2.05
do California, Y. F.....$1.90@2.25
Corn, fancy.$1.10@1.20
do stand.....80@90c
Cherries, California, white.....$2.50@2.75
Lima beans.$1.25@1.45
do soaked.....75@80c
String beans, 2-lb.....65@70c
do 2-lb.....90@95c
Stringless beans.....$1.10@1.60
Peas, marrowfat.....80@90c
do early June.75@90c
do sifted.....55@60c
Plums, California.....$1.40@1.85
Apples, N. Y., gal. cans.$2.50@2.75
Pineapples.....$1.25@2.60
Raspberries.....85@95c
Gooseberries.....85@90c
Tomatoes, fancy.....$1.10@1.20
do standard.$1.05@1.10
do gal.....$2.50
Succotash, 1-lb cans.....$1.10@1.25
Baked beans, cans, tomato sauce.75@85c
Salmon, doz.....95c@$2.00
do red, 1-lb flats.....95c@$1.00
do pink, 1-lb talls.....$1.81@2.10
Chipped beef.$2.25@2.75
Corn and roast beef, 2-lb cans.$2.30@2.40
do 1-lb cans.$1.25@1.30
Mackerel, 1 brand.....$1.90@2.50
Sardines, domestic, ¼s.....$2.50@3.00
do mustards, ¼s.$2.50
do French.$6.00@18.50

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Holly, crate.$3.00@3.25
do wreaths, doz.....$1.60@1.50
Ground pine wreaths.$1.00@1.50
do yard.....4@4½c
Needle pines.$1.50@2.00
Laurel, yd.....2½@3½c
Magnolia wreaths.....$1.60@1.50
Trees, bunch.....90c@$1.00
Mistletoe, lb.....20@30c
Immortelles, doz.....$2.50@3.00
Moss, bbls.....$1.75@2.00
Palms, doz.....65@75c

DRIED FRUITS.

Raisins, 1-lb pkgs.....5@6½c
Evap. peaches, 25-lb box, lb.....10@12½c
Evap. apples, 1-lb pkgs.....8½@9c
Evap. apricots, 25-lb box, choice.10@12½c
do fancy.....12@13c
Cleaned currants, 1-lb pkgs.....7½@7¾c
Prunes, Cal., lb.....5@10c

PROVISIONS.

Hams
18 lbs. and up.....10¾c
Over 14 to 18 lbs.....10¾c
Over 10 to 14 lbs.....11c
10 lbs and under.....11¼c
Skinned.....10¾c
Boneless boiled.....17c
California.....9½c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut.....8¾c
do skinned.....8¾c
Ribs, 8 to 10 lbs.....12c
do 10 to 12 lbs.....11¾c
do back strips.....10¾c
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs.....12½c
do 10 to 12 lbs.....11¾c
Breakfast bacon, back strips.....11¾c
Dry salt sides, extra short clears.....8¾c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs.....9c
do 16 to 20 lbs.....9¼c
do under 16 lbs.....9¼c
Dry salt smoked sides, extra short clears.....9¾c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs.....10c
do 16 to 20 lbs.....10¼c
do under 16 lbs.....10¼c
Lard, pure, tierces..8c

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens.....11@13c
do roosters.....7@8c
do turkeys.....19@19c
do geese.....10@11c
do ducks.....14@15c
do pigeons, doz.....90c@$1.00
Dressed hens.....15@16c
do springers.....18@17c
do roosters.....12@12c
do turkeys.....25@25c
do Long Island ducklings.....25c
do ducks.....17@15c
do capon.....26@27c
Squab, doz.....$3.75@4.00
do No. 2.....$2.00@2.25
Ducks, ruddy.....$1.25
do red head.$1.70@3.00
do canvasback.....$2.75@3.00
Impt. golden plover, doz.....$5.50
do black plover.$4.50
English pheasants, per pair.....$2.25
Reed birds, doz.....$1.25
Snappers, per lb.....8@9c
Pigeons, pair.....20@35c
Frogs, doz.....$2.25@2.50
Rabbits, pair.....40@50c
Squirrel, doz.$1.00@1.10

NUTS.

New California walnuts.....17c
Chestnuts, Italian.....7@8c
Hickory nuts, bu.....$1.75@2.00
Walnuts, bu.....50@75c
English walnuts, lb.....12@12c
Butternuts.....$1.25@1.50
Hazel nuts, lb.....11@12c
Almonds, lb.....14@15c
Pecans, lb.....11@12c
Shellbarks.....$2.00@2.25

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS.

Friday, December 22, 1905.

Cattle—Supply fair and market slow; choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs, $5 25@5 50; prime, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs, $5 00@5 20; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, $4 65@5 00; tidy, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs, $4 25@4 60; fair, 900 to 1,100 lbs, $3 50@4 00; common, 700 to 900 lbs, $3 00@3 40; good to choice heifers, $3 75@4 00; common to medium heifers, $2 50@3 50; common to fat bulls, $2 00@3 75; good fresh cows and springers, $35@50; common to fair, $20@30.

Sheep and lambs—Supply light and market slow; prime wethers, 95 to 100 lbs, $5 50@5 60; good mixed, $5 to 90 lbs, $5 15@5 40; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs, $4 75@5 10; spring lambs, $5 00@7 60; veal calves, $8 00@8 50; heavy and thin, $4 00@5 00.

Hogs—Receipts, 35 double decks; market active; prime heavy, $5 20@5 25; medium and heavy Yorkers, $5 20; light Yorkers and pigs, $5 15@5 20; roughs, $4 00@4 60; stags, $3 00@3 75.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Beeves—Receipts, 3,750. Good medium to choice steers firm to 15c higher. Common steady; cows firm to 10c higher; bulls steady; steers, $4 00@5 50; stags, $3 10; bulls, $3 00@4 00; cows, $1 65@3 40; heifers, $2 25@3 75. Liverpool and London cables quote live cattle lower at 10@11½c per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef lower at 8¾c per pound. Exports tomorrow and Sunday, 1,180 cattle, and 6,718 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 56. Very dull. Veals, $5 00@9 00; little calves, $3 50; barnyard stock, $3 00@4 00; no wethers. City dressed veals quiet at 8¾@13c per pound; country dressed lower at 8@11½c; dressed grassers and fed calves, 5@7c. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 461. Sheep steady; lambs in a little better demand and 10@15c higher for top grades. Sheep, $3 75@4 50; choice Ohio wethers, $5 75; lambs, $6 00@7 75; choice, $8 00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,056. Half car rough westerns, part stags, sold at $4 00. Feeling steady.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000 head, including 900 southerns. Market steady. Steers strong to 10c higher. Top, $5 10; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5 25@6 25; fair to good, $3 75@5 00; western fed steers, $3 25@4 80; southern steers, $2 50@4 40; southern cows, $2 50@4 35; native cows, $2 00@4 00; native heifers, $2 75@4 80; bulls, $2 25@3 75; calves, $3 00@6 75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,400 head. Market steady to 5c higher. Top, $5 10; bulk of sales, $4 85@5 05; heavy, $5 00@5 10; packers, $4 90@5 00; pigs and lights, $4 25@4 85. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000. Market 5@10c higher. Native lambs, $5 75@7 50; western lambs, $5 75@7 35, fed ewes and yearlings, $4 50@6 80; western fed yearlings, $5 50@6 35; western fed sheep, $4 25@5 80; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 75.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; market slow and weak; common to prime steers, $3 00@6 75; cows, $1 50@4 40; heifers, $2 00@6 00; bulls, $2 00@4 00; stockers and feeders, $2 15@4 25; calves, $2 50@6 50. Hogs—Receipts, 26,000 head; market 10c higher; shipping and selected, $5 07½@5 20; mixed and heavy packing, $4 95@5 05; light, $4 95@5 07½; pigs and roughs, $2 00@4 90. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000 head; market 10@15c higher; sheep, $4 00@5 80; yearlings, $6 00@6 75; lambs, $7 25@8 00.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Hogs strong; butchers and shippers, $5 15@5 15½; common, $4 10@5 00. Cattle steady; fair to good shippers, $4 00@4 35; common, $2 00@2 50. Sheep dull at $2 75@4 75; lambs steady at $7 00@7 75.

The Whisky Market.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec 22.—Whisky, $1 30.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD IN ALL LINES

Mild Weather Has Helped Some Trade, but Been a Hindrance in Selling of Staples.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

"Although mild weather has greatly facilitated Christmas trade and building operations, both of which are surpassing all previous records, seasonable staples would move more freely if the temperature were lower. Manufacturers' salesmen have returned from the road which restricts the volume of new business, but mort plants have orders on hand assuring activity well into the new year.

"Output for the next ten days will be reduced to some extent by stoppages for repairs, inventories, etc., after which there is a great confidence that many new records of production will be established. Reports are remarkably uniform regarding commercial conditions, no section making an unsatisfactory exhibit, and mercantile conditions are improving in the face of high rates for money.

"Railway earnings thus far available for December surpass the figures of 1904 by 6.3 per cent, and foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed a gain of $153,371 in exports and a decrease of $1,974,411 in imports. New business is limited in the iron and steel industry, and contracts cannot be expected to come forward freely until after the holidays. The open season has facilitated outdoor work to such an extent that building operations will make an unprecedented exhibit for the month of December, which means large consumption of structural steel.

"Failures this week numbered 225 in the United States, against 201 last year, and 33 in Canada, compared with 32 a year ago."

Bradstreet's says:

"Wheat (including flour) exports for the week ended December 21 are 4,478,452 bushels, against 4,495,162 last week, 1,030,508 the corresponding week last year, 2,325,606 in 1903, and 2,360,486 in 1902. From July 1 to date, the exports are 81,732,031 bushels, against 35,782,157 last year, 82,205,586 in 1903, and 125,719,618 in 1902. Corn exports for the week are 2,088,653 bushels, against 3,497,776 last week, 1,956,802 a year ago, 815,064 in 1903 and 1,592,551 in 1902. From July 1 to date, the exports of corn are 32,345,554 bushels, against 12,918,012 in 1904, 26,698,551 in 1903, and 8,124,995 in 1902."

BANK CLEARINGS.

Pittsburgh in Sixth Place With a Gain of Almost 18 Per Cent in Total.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended December 21, 1905, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

	Amount.	Per Cent. Inc.	Per Cent. Dec.
*New York	$2,358,260,038	44.7	....
*Chicago	250,699,423	27.3	....
*Boston	174,814,677	22.0	....
*Philadelphia	142,048,816	10.3	....
*St. Louis	62,774,762	3.7	....
Pittsburgh	54,164,948	17.9	....
*San Francisco	39,805,691	28.9	....
Cincinnati	27,042,350	8.7	....
*Baltimore	20,770,592	16.1	....
*Kansas City	17,196,178	17.6	....
*New Orleans	26,086,354	1.5	....
*Minneapolis	25,989,858	15.5	....
*Cleveland	16,422,894	12.2	....
*Louisville	13,253,717	12.0	....
Detroit	14,257,680	20.1	....
*Milwaukee	10,162,909	9.2	....
Omaha	10,784,432	20.9	....
*Los Angeles	10,118,274	6.4	....
*Buffalo	7,861,828	16.6	....
Columbus	5,598,400	23.3	....
*Toledo, Ohio	3,827,381	19.6	....
Dayton	1,783,278	1.4	....
Wilkes-Barre	1,132,491	9.8	....
Wheeling, W. Va	990,816	24.5	....
Akron	588,400	....	6.7
Canton, Ohio	483,244	....	11.8
Youngstown	596,678	15.2	....
Chester, Pa	571,086	35.1	....
Springfield, Ohio	895,608	1.0	....
Greensburg, Pa	526,863	....	17.5
Mansfield, Ohio	312,118	66.0	....
Total, United States	$2,489,187,287	35.0	....
Outside New York	1,126,857,549	15.3	....

*Balance paid in cash.

Important sale of Linen Furs now in progress at Campbell's—prices cut on the choicest and hardest-to-get skins on the market.

HEAVY RECEIPTS SEND WHEAT DOWN

Shipments to Grain Centers Unexpectedly Large—Corn and Oats Are Weaker.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Weakness in the wheat market developed within the first few minutes of trading and continued until the close of the session. Liquidation sales by commission houses supplemented by aggressive short selling on the part of local bears, caused a break of ¾c to ⅞c. The greatest pressure was on the December option. This was due to the increasing total stocks which, it was said, might compel longs to take large quantities of cash grain on December contracts.

Shipments from Argentina for the week were larger than the estimate of yesterday, but the movement was much less than that of the corresponding week of last year. Primary receipts were unexpectedly heavy, the day's total arrivals being 1,023,000 bushels, compared with 728,000 bushels for the corresponding day one year ago. During the day the market lacked positive support and the feeling was heavy until the close.

The end of the session found the market weak with prices almost at the lowest point of the day. May opened unchanged to a shade lower, at 87¾c to 87⅞, sold off to 87c and closed at 87@87¼c. December ranged between 82¾c and 82¼c, and closed at 82¾c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 324,500 bushels. Exports for the week as shown by Bradstreets were equal to 4,478,300 bushels. Duluth, Minneapolis and Chicago reported receipts of 798 cars, against 507 cars last week, and 621 cars one year ago.

Liquidation of the December delivery was the feature of the trading in corn. As a result of this selling the price of that option declined 1c. The selling was due to fears that there would be large quantities of No. 2 corn delivered on December contracts. Weakness of wheat was an additional bearish influence. The close was easy. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 41¼@41¾c, sold off to 41@41¼c, and closed at 44¾@44¼c. December, new, sold between 45¼c and 44¾c, and closed at 44¾c. Local receipts, 359 cars, with 16 of contract grade.

Oats were depressed by the weakness of other grains. On the decline that took place during the first hour a prominent commission house caused a steadier feeling by buying a large line of May. The May option opened unchanged to a trifle lower at 31⅞c to 31⅝c, sold off to 31¾c and closed at 31¾@31⅝c. Local receipts were 72

HOLIDAY FOR THE OPERATING MEN

P. R. R. Plans to Give Crews Christmas Off Duty—Maher Has Not Left N. & W.

'PHONES ON P. & L. E. TRAINS

The Pennsylvania is planning to give almost every man in its employ excepting the operators, train masters, terminal forces and passenger and perishable freight train crews a holiday on Christmas. This is a bold move when one considers the freight traffic conditions, and several of the local railroad officers think such a thing will not be possible. The Baltimore & Ohio, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, Wabash and Bessemer & Lake Erie will also endeavor to let their operating men have as much time as possible, although no general holiday will be given. The Pennsylvania railroad proposes to make the holiday 42 hours long, starting at noon tomorrow and ending at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Freight conditions on the Pennsylvania system here are not in the best shape for operating. This is shown by the second meeting being held yesterday by Superintendent of Freight Transportation Patterson of Philadelphia, in the city. The meeting concerned only the Pittsburgh terminals and the divisions of the road east. Among those in attendance were Superintendents Long, Mitchell, Dabney and Morrow, and General Agent Joggard. A meeting, which some of the officers of the lines west were concerned in, was held about 10 days ago. While the officers say there is no fear on their part of a freight congestion in this district the close attention being paid by the higher officers shows that there is some apprehension with the coming of real cold weather. Motive power must be repaired. And the taking away of any of the power soon makes a difference in the operations. It was contemplated that the small capacity freight cars should be taken from the Pennsylvania service, but this has been found impossible until the arrival of the new equipment next spring.

Most of the shop men of all the local railroad plants will enjoy a holiday from today noon until Tuesday morning. From Tuesday on through the winter there will hardly be a letup of shop operations.

Maher Not to Leave N. & W.

It has been reported that Nicholas D. Maher had resigned as general manager of the Norfolk & Western, to become president of the South & Western railway, a new project, effective January 1. Jaques McCrea, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west and a director of the Norfolk & Western, said: "I noticed an item in a Roanoke paper yesterday in which a strong denial of the report was made by Mr. Maher and other officers. M. J. Capies, who was formerly superintendent of the Norfolk & Western's Pocahontas division, resigned several months ago to become general manager of the South & Western, and he is the only man identified with our road that has left to take service on the new road. The South & Western, I think, could not offer anything sufficiently tempting to Mr. Maher to induce him to leave the Norfolk & Western." Any change that Mr. Maher would make would be interesting to Pittsburgh railroad men, for he is widely known here.

U. & W. to Be Built by P. R. R.

Ament the report that the new community of interest owners of the "Little Kanawha" are dickering for the Uniontown & Wheeling Short line, which was noted in The Gazette yesterday, an interesting phase of the situation was learned yesterday. An executive officer of the Pennsylvania railroad made the statement to a Pittsburgher that the Uniontown & Wheeling Short line would certainly be built by the Pennsylvania. This comes from one in a position to know. There has been no deal consummated for the line, so far as could be learned from local officers of either line yesterday. The Pennsylvania, through President Cassatt, in conference with J. V. Thompson at Uniontown, is known to have made a tender for the road, and it is also known that President Murray of the Baltimore & Ohio had a talk with Mr. Thompson on the subject of purchase.

Telephone on P. & L. E. Train.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie yesterday installed telephones in its Buffalo and Pittsburgh limited trains. The work was done under the direction of Electrical Engineer Campbell. The 'phones will be connected directly to the Lake Erie private telephone exchange, and patrons of the train desiring to call up people at their offices or homes before starting on a trip may do so. The same condition will apply to Buffalo, and later lines will also be connected at Youngstown and Ashtabula. All fast trains of the New York Central lines are being equipped with train telephones by which the conductor and engineer may converse. Another improvement on the lines is the placing of booklets in the cars. These booklets describe the cities, towns and scenes along the roads. Some interesting historical data are included.

Engine Shops for Lines West.

The proposition of a large engine construction shop on the Pennsylvania lines west similar to the one on the lines east at Altoona is being considered by the officers of the company at the request of President Cassatt. Those in charge of the shop plants in Allegheny, Columbus, Ft. Wayne and one or two other places have been asked to furnish data regarding material, ground, skilled workmen, etc. This is taken to mean that the Altoona plant for building locomotives has been a good thing for the Pennsylvania railroad. The engine builders cannot keep up with the big orders placed by the various roads. In recent years the Pennsylvania has been building a good percentage of its engines at the Altoona shops, and if the plant is built on the lines west it will perform a like function for this part of the system.

Will Connect With P. & L. E.

Maj. Joseph G. Beale of Leechburg, who, with others, purchased the Shoustown, Clinton & Frankfort railroad and coal properties last Saturday, arrived here from New York yesterday. He said that the railroad will be constructed at once from a point on the Ohio river between Shoustown and Coraopolis, through Crescent, Moon and Finley townships to Clinton, in the western corner of Allegheny county. Connection will be made with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, and a coal tipple for river boats will be erected on the Ohio river bank. G. A. Gliffilan has been placed in charge of the construction plans. It is probable that the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company will build an extension to the road so as to get a direct outlet for large coal holdings in Washington county.

Club Discusses Electricity.

Electricity as power for railroading was the topic of consideration at the December meeting of the Railway club of Pittsburgh at the Monongahela house last night. The subject was presented by Clarence Renshaw of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, the title of the paper being "Application of the Single-Phase Alternating Current to Railroading." The subject was also discussed by a number of members of the club. Twenty names were proposed for membership and the men were enrolled. This brings the membership of the club up to 675. The officers of the club held a meeting at the Monongahela house yesterday afternoon to outline methods and work for the club meeting for the remainder of the current year.

Three Days to Buy Tickets.

Three days are given by the Central Passenger association roads, those west of Pittsburgh, in which to buy holiday tickets and the tickets will be good returning up to and including January 3. Owing to the three days of sale, the railroad people expect a much heavier traffic of excursionists than usual at the holiday season. A fare and a third to any point in the territory is the rate to be given on tickets sold today, tomorrow and Monday.

Wabash Man May Step Up.

It is reported that J. P. Stark, purchasing agent of the Wabash lines east of Toledo, has been appointed assistant purchasing agent of the entire Wabash system, with headquarters at Chicago. Charles A. How, who has been acting purchasing agent, is expected to be advanced to purchasing agent.

Railroad Notes.

The Pennsylvania and Reading are said to be contemplating a joint line to reach Cape May.

The semi-annual watch examination of the Erie & Ashtabula division of the Pennsylvania lines west will occur early in January.

The Pacific Express Company employes showed their esteem for General Agent Hitchcock by presenting him and Mrs. Hitchcock with a handsome silver tea set.

The Pennsylvania lines west officers will enjoy their usual Christmas dinner together today in the officers' dining room on the eleventh floor of the Union station.

General Superintendent of Transportation Hale of the Baltimore & Ohio spent yesterday here on business. General Superintendent of Motive Power Muhlfeld passed through the city from a trip over the lines west.

E. B. Ober, first assistant general freight agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, of Minneapolis, spent yesterday in Pittsburgh conferring with General Agent Tallant of the Chicago & Northwestern.

Commercial Agent Bridgers of the Norfolk & Western, will leave today with Mrs. Bridgers for a conference with Assistant General Freight Agent Daw at Columbus, and will afterward go on to Roanoke to spend Christmas at their former home.

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